

Lewis Soil Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Lewis Soil Conservation District was organized in 1941. The District provides technical assistance to landowners of cropland, non-industrial private forestland and rangeland.

Mission:

Dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Location

Lewis County; west-central Idaho, including a large portion of the Nez Perce Reservation.

Legislative District 6

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Hosted the 5th Annual Soil Health Workshop, using ISWCC Capacity Building Funds. Sixty-five people attended this year's workshop.
- Partnered with the Idaho SWCD and NRCS to utilize a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) grant to develop landowner contracts to support and implement conservation BMPs.
- Obtained an IDL Western States Fire Managers Grant for fuel reduction projects.
- Utilized a \$5,000 Verle Kaiser Endowment grant to purchase a drone and 4 trail cameras to monitor and evaluate soil erosion events.
- Created a soil tunnel for use at education events, utilizing grant funds from the Verle Kaiser grant and the Idaho Community Foundation.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (continued)

- Held the 13th Annual Worm Races, which ended in a tie.
- Distributed newsletter to 230 residents.
- Organized and hosted grower meetings.



Soil Health Presentation

Future Plans and Projects:

- Two \$319 grants, one for Lapwai Creek and one for the 5/6 Mile watersheds, to implement erosion control BMPs.
- USFWS National Fish Passage Program proposal to replace culverts in the Fisher Fire area and reduce sediment loads in Big Canyon Creek.
- Utilize State funds (ISWCC) to host 6th annual Soil Health Workshop on January 29th, 2019.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 21,461.78
County	\$ 8,000.00
USDA	\$ 322,072.73
Total	\$ 351,534.51

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