

# Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District

## 2018 Fact Sheet

### General Information

The Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1941 after several farmers became alarmed after seeing the fertility and the livelihood of the land they loved disappear. The District's overriding goal is to minimize soil erosion.

### Mission Statement

To be the primary entity leading non-regulatory efforts in the conservation, sustainment, improvement, and enhancement of Nez Perce County's natural resources.

### Location

Nez Perce County, on the western side of the Panhandle. The Clearwater River runs east to west through the northern portion of the District. The Nez Perce Reservation covers a significant portion of the District.

### Legislative District 6

### FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Completed 3 multi-year projects that were funded by the SRBA through the Office of Species Conservation. This five-year effort resulted in 18 miles of road improvements, 2,790 linear feet of stream improvements, 120 acres of tree plantings, 10 miles of fence, 4 fish passage enhancements, and 17 erosion control projects.
- Developed Priority flood, fire, and landslide mitigation for the Nez Perce County All Hazards Plan.
- Treated .8 acres of knotweed along Lapwai Creek, 45 acres of orange hawkweed, and 2,456 acres of other noxious weeds.
- Hosted the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Environmental Awareness Days for over 600 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Collected steam and weather data at 58 stations.

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### FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Installed 1,332 linear feet of bank stabilization in the Lapwai Creek watershed.
- Implemented conservation BMPs to protect 1,657 acres from erosion.
- Hosted more than 600 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Awareness Days.



Participants enjoy Environmental Awareness Days

### Future Plans and Projects

- Implementation of the Rock Creek Floodplain Restoration Project.
- Implementation of Flood and Fire Mitigation Measure identified in the County Plan.
- Continued implementation of projects to restore steelhead habitat.
- Removal of fish passage barriers along Mission, Sweetwater, Tom Beall, and Bear Creeks will be the focus for the next two years.
- Implementation of the Sweetwater Forestry Improvement Project.

### FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 61,300.00
County	\$ 30,000.00
Donations	\$ 700.00
Grants/Contracts	\$ 480,213.00
Earned Income	\$ 5,140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 577,353.00</b>

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Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

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