

# West Side Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Westside Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1944 by landowners in Jefferson and Bonneville Counties. 149,120 acres in western Bonneville County were added to the district in 1949, bringing the district's acreage to 281,696. The District's top priority is wind erosion control.

**Mission**

- Deliver natural resource conservation technology and education.
- Promote voluntary management practices implemented by landowners.

**Location**

Eastern Idaho; west of the Snake River.

**Legislative Districts 30 & 33**

**FY 2018 Accomplishments**

- Sponsored Adopt-A-Canal's 26<sup>th</sup> year, with almost 25 miles of canals being cleaned of debris before the water was turned in.
- 100 students from the American Heritage Charter School participated in the annual Poster Contest.
- Utilized State Capacity Building Funds for a Soil Health Workshop in partnership with the East Side SWCD.
- Provided two full scholarships to students to attend the Natural Resource Camp.
- Provided financial support to the State Environthon and to IDEA.

**Future Plans and Projects**

- Annual Soil Health Workshop in partnership with East Side District.
- Continue Adopt-A-Canal to clean canals and educate landowners.
- Partner with the High Country RC&D Council and others in the annual cloud seeding project.
- Outreach and education on planted windbreaks and cover crops maintenance to reduce soil erosion and windblown-soil impacts, reduce drifting snow, and create habitat for natural beneficial pest controls.



**Adopt-A-Canal, now in its 26th year, removed debris from 25 miles of canals**

**FY 2018 Funds**

Idaho State Funds	<b>\$ 27,939.91</b>
County Funds	\$ 12,500.00
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,439.91</b>

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