

Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District was organized in 1961 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance to local landowners and operators, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources within the District's boundaries. Although cropland provides the majority of income for the District's cooperators, the bulk of the resource base is rangeland or grazing land.

Mission (or Function):

- Help people help the land.
- Provide local leadership to educate and assist the public on the stewardship of soil, water, air, plant and animal resources, and to promote strong conservation partnerships to find practical, economical solutions to natural resource problems and coordinate their implementation.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- The District is in year two of a three year project to provide cost share assistance to cooperators to experiment with cover crops and/or no-till plating techniques, thanks to a Conservation Innovation Grant. Approximately 600 acres were seeded with cover crops, and approximately 1,000 acres were seeded using a no-till drill.
- Construction began on a wetland complex on the 39/39A drain west of Filer. The wetland will be operational for the 2016 irrigation season.
- Sponsored a conservation poster contest for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students and a speech contest for high school students.
- Provided two campers with full scholarships to the U of I Natural Resources Camp.
- Participated in the 2015 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.



Multi-species cover crop mixes.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Submitted a federal 319 grant application to construct a wetland in the Mud Creek area. If funded, this would be a continuation of the effort begun two years ago to address water quality in that region by constructing a series of smaller projects rather than on large wetland at the end of the drain.
- Exploring opportunities to gather deep soil nitrate data throughout the TF Nitrate Priority Area.

FY 2015 District Funding

State	\$21,583
County	\$8,200
Conservation Improvement Grant	\$74,900
Total	\$104,683

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