

# Latah Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Latah Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1940. The District works through non-regulatory mechanisms to identify conservation practices that are beneficial to resource conservation objectives of the landowner and the public.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Lead local efforts to promote stewardship of natural resources through development of comprehensive plans/implementation strategies for economic and ecological sustainability through coordination of leadership, information and funding.

**FY 2015 Accomplishments:**

- Developed a new agriculture program designed to foster producer-driven innovations and research to address local concerns related to soil health.
- Replaced under-sized culverts that impeded passage for wild steelhead within the Potlatch watershed. Funding was secured by the District through the Idaho Office of Species Conservation’s Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund and the Snake River Basin Adjudication Fund.
- Coordinated with the US Forest Service to restore a 75 acres meadow within the Corral Creek watershed. Staff continue to work with the US Forest Service to design and fund another large meadow restoration project along the East Fork Potlatch River.
- Coordinated annual Conservation Awareness Day, with over 300 local students participating.
- Forest road improvements were installed in collaboration with IDL and Potlatch Forest Holdings Inc. These improvements enhanced water quality and steelhead habitat within the East Fork Potlatch River watershed.
- Soil Health program developed to address issues for local growers.



**Meadow restoration in the Corral Creek watershed**



**Latah’s live beaver trapping and relocation program moves native “restoration engineers” to preferred habitat in project areas. Beavers are moved as a family unit, and this little guy is happily awaiting the capture of his parents before going to his new home in a day or two.**

**FY 2015 District Funding**

State Funding	\$41,022
County and Local Funding	\$18,000
Bonneville Power Administration	\$1,026,729
Idaho DEQ	\$260,525
Id Office of Species Conservation	\$501,318
ID Dept of Fish and Game	\$1,344
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$44,791
USDA Forest Service	\$2,893
USDA NRCS	\$28,352
ID Dept of Lands	\$36,957
Palouse Water Basin Summit	\$8,700
Miscellaneous	\$1,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,971,914</b>