

# Lewis Soil Conservation District

## Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Lewis Soil Conservation District was organized in 1941. Rolling plateaus cut by deeply entrenched streams characterize most of Lewis County. Slopes on the agricultural land range from 5 to 15 percent, some reach 30 percent. The District provides technical assistance in areas such as non-irrigated cropland, non-industrial private forestland and rangeland management.

**Mission, Vision or Function:**

- Dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.
- The LSCD works towards conserving and enhancing resources (soil, water, air, plants and animals) for the economic and environmental benefit of the present and future generations of Lewis County. It is recognized as a source of financial, technical and educational assistance in Lewis County, and as the organization of choice to implement on-the-ground stewardship activities.

**FY 2015 Accomplishments:**

- District coordinated and assisted in developing a 408 acre cover crop plot with 8 different species planted. A crop tour was held, and farmers were excited about this nutrient management practice.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade field day was held on May 15, 2015. 110 students participated from 5 local schools.
- Worm races were held, with 55 students from 2 schools participating.
- Poster contest saw 33 students participating from 2 area schools – one poster competed and the state level.
- 60 students participated in the Hatchery in the Classroom project, during which they raised steelhead from egg to release size.

- Met with Lewis county commissioners to discuss funding.
- Organized and hosted grower meetings addressing Soil health practices.
- Organized crop tours.
- Distributed newsletters to over 200 subscribers.
- Provided and manned a display at the Lewis County Fair.
- Sponsored a 4-H small animal trophy.
- Provided and manned a display at the State Capitol.



**Hatchery in the Classroom participants raised steelhead trout from egg to release**

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Several grants are in progress, including –
- A 319 Soil Health BMP Implementations grant that was presented to the Basin Advisory Group.
- Partnering with other Div 2 districts and Idaho Dept of lands for a fire recovery grant.
- The District, along with Idaho and Clearwater Districts, will be hosting a Soil Health Workshop on February 9, 2016, for the third year.

**FY 2015 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$23,022
County Funding	\$8,000
319 and SRBA	\$73,487
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104,509</b>

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