

# Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1966. The District boundaries follow the Snake River through Twin Falls County from the eastern county line to Filer. Irrigation-induced soil erosion is a primary resource concern.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Help cooperators adopt more intensive nutrient and irrigation water management practices through the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.
- Continue to provide assistance to USDA-Agricultural Research Service with the ongoing Conservation Effects Assessment Program.

**FY 2015 Accomplishments:**

- Sponsored a poster contest for over 195 students (theme this year was Local Heroes, your Hardworking Pollinators).
- Supported the Kimberly FFA Envirothon team.
- Sponsored a Filer Wetland Day for Hansen and Murtaugh 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Sponsored the Harrington Fork Educational day for Hansen and Murtaugh 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- Provided two full scholarships to Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.
- Participated in the 2014 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair.
- Provided two \$1,500 scholarships to college students pursuing a degree in agriculture or natural resources.

- The District is making plans to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.
- The District plans to focus on nitrate education through a booth at the Home and Garden Show in February, and the UI Twilight Tour in July.
- As one of several partners involved in the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area CCPI, Snake River SWCD is exploring options to educate more producers about the interrelationship between nutrient management and irrigation water management by cost-sharing deep soil testing to determine the nitrate levels at the 3 or 4 ft level.
- Continue to work with small landowners to reduce the potential for surface and ground water contamination.
- Continue to educate cooperators about soil health practices.



**Enhanced irrigation management includes sophisticated technology.**

**FY 2015 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$21,291
County Funding	\$8,000
Other (donations, tree sales, 319 grant funds etc)	\$13,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,251</b>

**Future Plans and Projects:**

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