

Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Valley Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1957. The total land and water area of the Valley SWCD is nearly 3,680 square miles, which is over 2.3 million acres. Approximately 2/3 of its privately and state owned land are woodlands.

Mission (or Function):

- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations.
- Belief of knowledge, peer involvement, cooperation and incentives are the best methods to improve Soil and Water resources.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Implemented 15 projects through the 319 grant program to improve water quality in Lake Cascade and its tributaries.
- Other 319 projects implemented include slowing erosion at the Lake Cascade parking lot, plantings to curb erosion in the Lake Fork/Mud Creek area, road drainage improvements to reduce sediment to Lake Cascade.
- Sponsored the U of I – McCall Outdoor Science School for local 5th graders.



Improving Big Creek riparian streambank

Future Plans and Projects:

- Boulder Creek and Gold Fork River Sub watershed landowners have expressed interest to stabilize stream banks with a combination of bioengineering improvement treatments.
- We will continue our I&E outreach in FY16 by sponsoring the 4-day U of I – McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) for our local 5th graders for a hands on approach.
- Continue targeting Valley County forestry landowners in an effort to promote healthier, more productive forests that resists insects, disease and wildfires through a special mailing and co-sponsoring a Forestry Stewardship Workshop and Tour

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$49,242
County Funding	\$29,899
319 Grant	\$63,826
Technical Assistance	\$16,673
Total	\$142,967