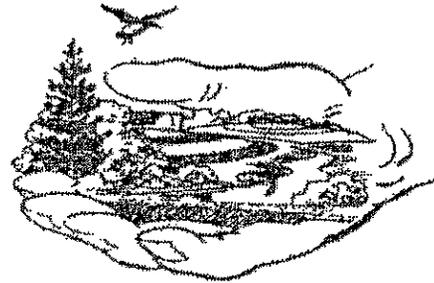
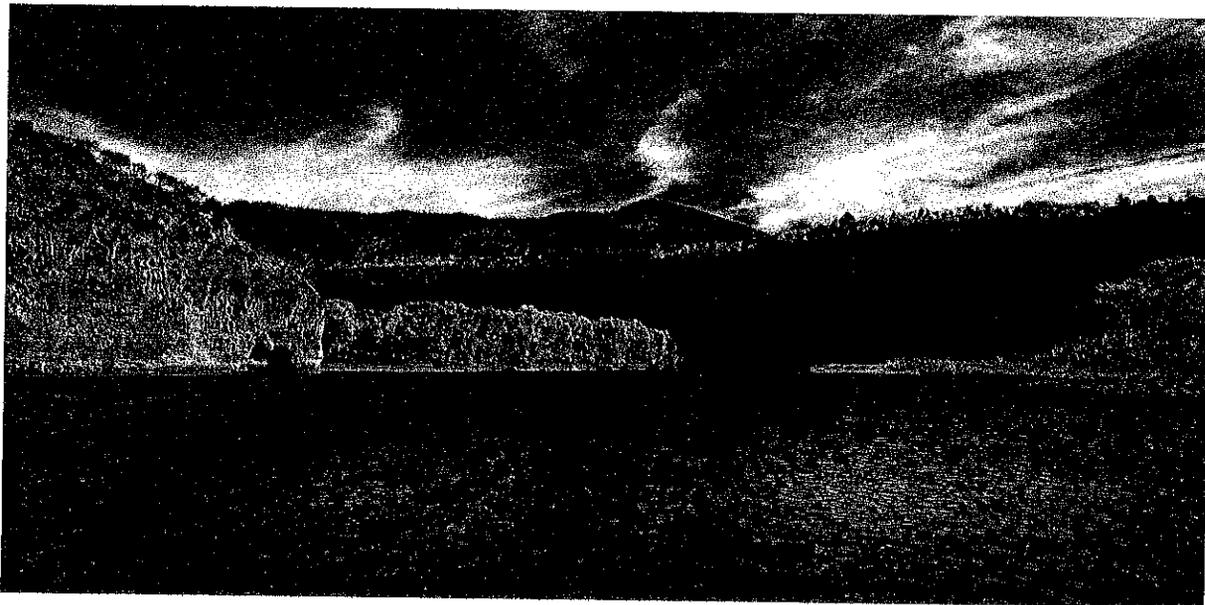


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**FIVE-YEAR RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
BUSINESS PLAN**  
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2020  
Annual Plan July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

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## **Forward**

Conservation Districts are subdivisions of state government charged with the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The East Side Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 50 Districts in Idaho, which together encompass 99 percent of our state.

Conservation Districts are the primary entities to provide assistance to private landowners and land users in the conservation, sustainability, improvement and enhancement of Idaho's natural resources. They are catalysts for coordinating and implementing conservation programs, channeling expertise from all levels of government into action at the local level. Programs are non-regulatory; science-based technical assistance, incentive-based financial programs and informational and educational programs at the local level.

Both by legislation and by agreement the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance to landowners and land users through Conservation Districts. Each Conservation District in Idaho has a signed Mutual Agreement with the Secretary of Agricultural and the Governor of Idaho that establishes a framework for cooperation.

It is the goal of the East Side Soil and Water Conservation District elected officials to set high standards for conservation of natural resources within the district. The district developed an action plan for meeting these needs. The East Side SWCD acknowledges that among their role as an elected board, is the need to provide a service to the community, to assist in the economic stability of the area, to enhance the traditional way of life that is important to those we serve and to encourage the wise use of natural resources. The district further acknowledges the important role our conservation partners play in the success of the East Side Soil and Water Conservation District Programs.

This Annual Plan/Five-Year Resource Conservation Business Plan was developed not only to guide the Conservation District, but to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and elected officials. Through knowledge and cooperation, all concerned can ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the East Side Soil and Water Conservation District.

This document identifies the resource needs in the Conservation District and presents a resource conservation action plan for meeting these needs.

## **East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

A political subdivision of the State of Idaho-authorities, powers and structure contained in Soil Conservation District Law, Title 22, Title 22, Chapter 27 and Idaho Code.

### **Organization and History of the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

The East Side Soil and Water Conservation District was officially organized July 22, 1948. It encompassed nearly 959,719 acres east of the Snake River in Bonneville County, and currently has over 1,007,521.0 acres. Grain, potatoes, and alfalfa are the major agricultural crops in the district. Beef and dairy cattle are also important to the area's agriculture.

Powell Fullerton of Idaho Falls was the first Chairman of the East Side SCD, William Hatch, John Parker, George Grubb and Earl Wolfley served alongside him as Board Members. These men identified the two most pressing conservation problems in the District: irrigation water management, and soil and water conservation on dry land farms, these needs guided the SCD's early programs.

Significant accomplishments were made during the SCD's first 5 years: strip cropping was applied on 220 acres; 3,253 acres of irrigated land was leveled; irrigation systems were installed on 2,787 acres; 474 acres of land were irrigated for the first time; and landowners and users signed 296 agreements for conservation planning and work.

During the same time, torrential summer storms and spring flooding severely eroded dry land acres. Public support for flood control measures increased, particularly in the Willow Creek and Sand Creek watersheds.

The love of the land, concern over loss of precious topsoil, and a desire to preserve the land for future generations spurred the first Supervisors to give so much of their time and effort to establish the East Side SWD. These same beliefs still drives the current Supervisors to continue to follow in their footsteps.

Dry land erosion was a major concern to the first supervisors and remains a top concern today 64 years later. Erosion robs the land of fertile topsoil and can also cause water pollution. Starting with the 1981 Willow Creek water quality planning project, The East Side SWCD has made great strides to control water pollution from agriculture land; this project established the East Side SWCD as a State Leader in agricultural water pollution control. The East Side Supervisors choose a voluntary compliance program, accepted personal responsibility for contracting landowners to participate in the Willow Creek project which generated strong support and interest among local landowners, with other state funded projects following with the Badger Creek Project in 1982, and Meadow Creek and Tex Creek in 1983. Other Federal funded projects followed, which earned the East Side SWCD a Superior Service award from the Environmental Protection Agency in 1983, for development and carrying out a nationally recognized water pollution control program.

The East Side SWCD continues to be a leader in dry land conservation during its 64 year history, as well as planting trees for windbreaks and wildlife habitat in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, East Side SWCD sponsored a Recourse Conservation Development project on the Blacktail Recreation Road, a flood control project in the Upper Sand Creek watershed, a Land Conservation pilot project to revegetate highly erosive slopes, and installation of new State of the Art Fish Ladders and stream bank protection to provide better irrigation for land owners and protect the Yellowstone cut throat and allow them to return to their native area for spawning, as well as Solar Powered irrigation head gates and diversion dams.

## **Function of the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

- To make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager and the public community, with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

## **Who We Serve & Why**

- We are here to assist all residents of the East Side SWCD area with their soil and water conservation needs and problems. In order to protect and conserve our vital soil and water resources.

## **Mission of the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

- To deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure a sustainable resource base for present and future generations.
- And to Promote Best Management Practices implemented by landowners on a non regulatory basis rather than mandated by government agencies.

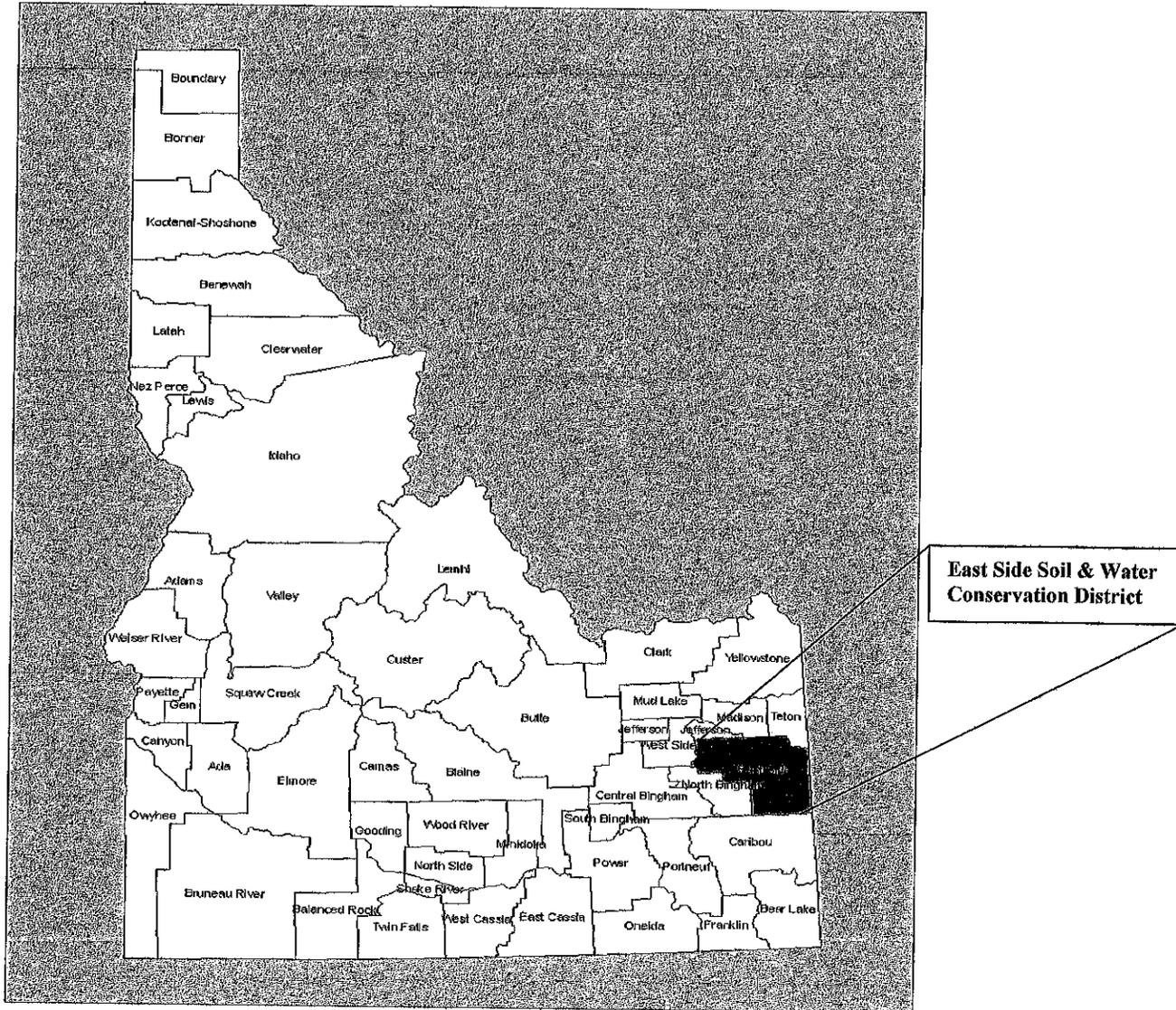
## **Vision of the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

- To continue to provide education and support in all aspects of conservation needed for the areas, and to hope that all Residents of the East Side SWCD will look to us for guidance and cooperation with their Soil and Water Conservation Issues.

## **Values of the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District**

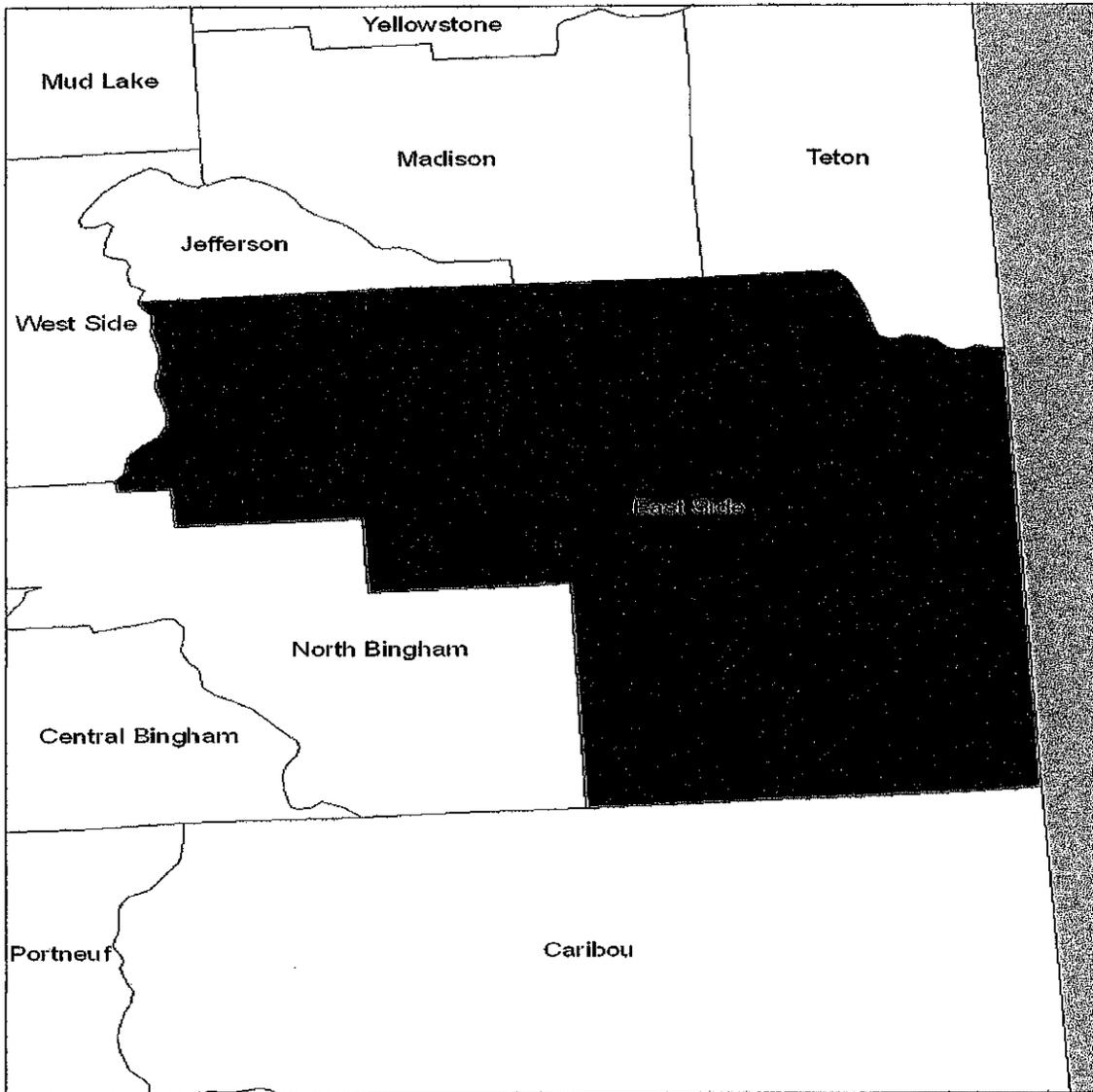
- Sustainable use of natural resources
- Support for agriculture activity that uses sustainable, economically feasible practices
- Value and respect for the Idaho Conservation Partnership
- Conservation education for adults and youth
- Supervisors of the East Side District will continue to show leadership by example and cooperation.

**SECTION 1: Physical Characteristics of the District**  
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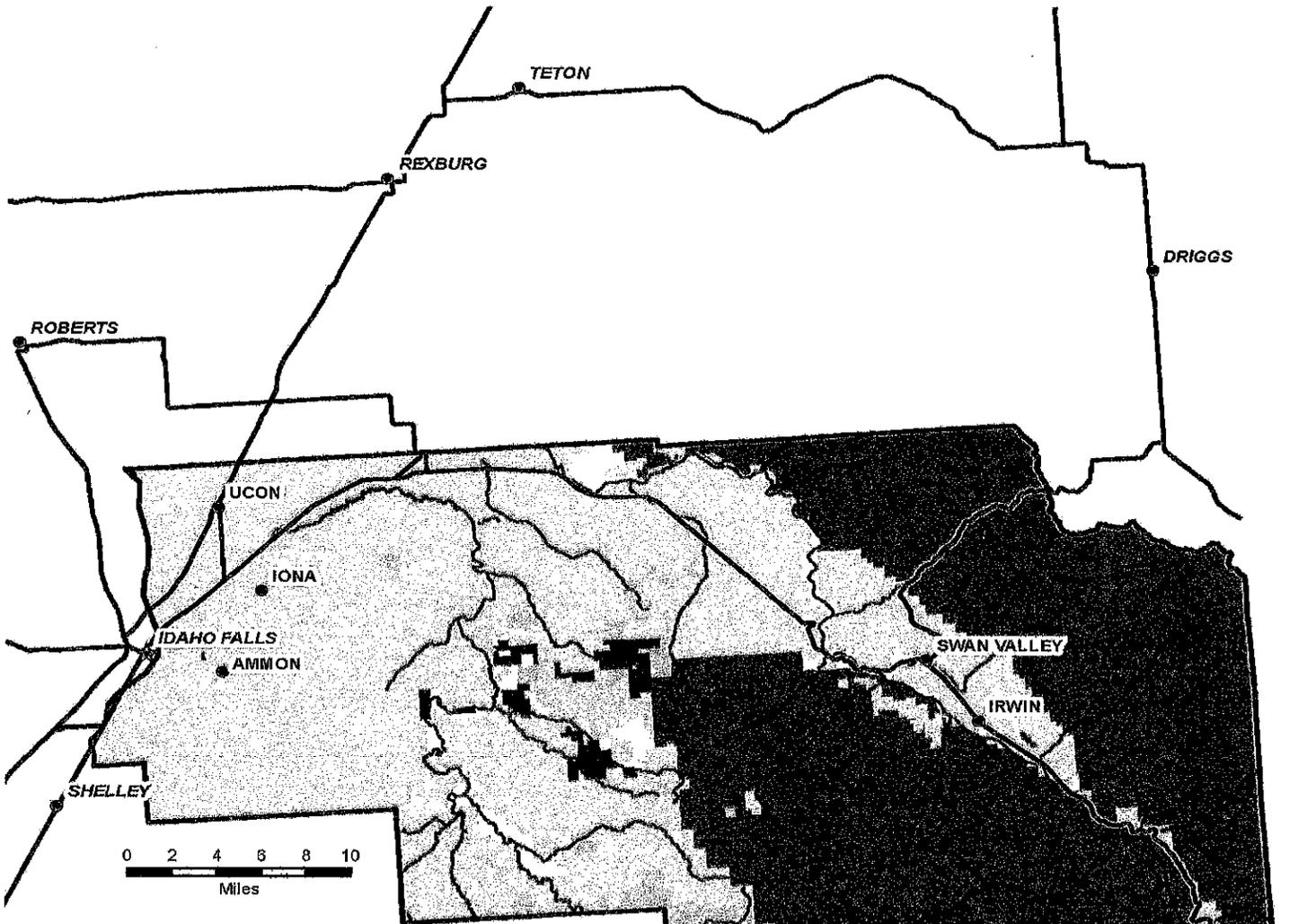


**The East Side Soil & Water Conservation District is located in the South Eastern Corner of the state, with Jefferson Co, Madison Co, Teton Co, Bingham Co, and Caribou Co as county bound**

**SECTION 1: Physical Characteristics of the District**  
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**The East Side SWCD includes the cities of Idaho Falls, Ammon, Iona, Ucon, Swan Valley, Irwin and parts of Ririe.**



# East Side Conservation District Land Status Map

Based on BLM data

## Management

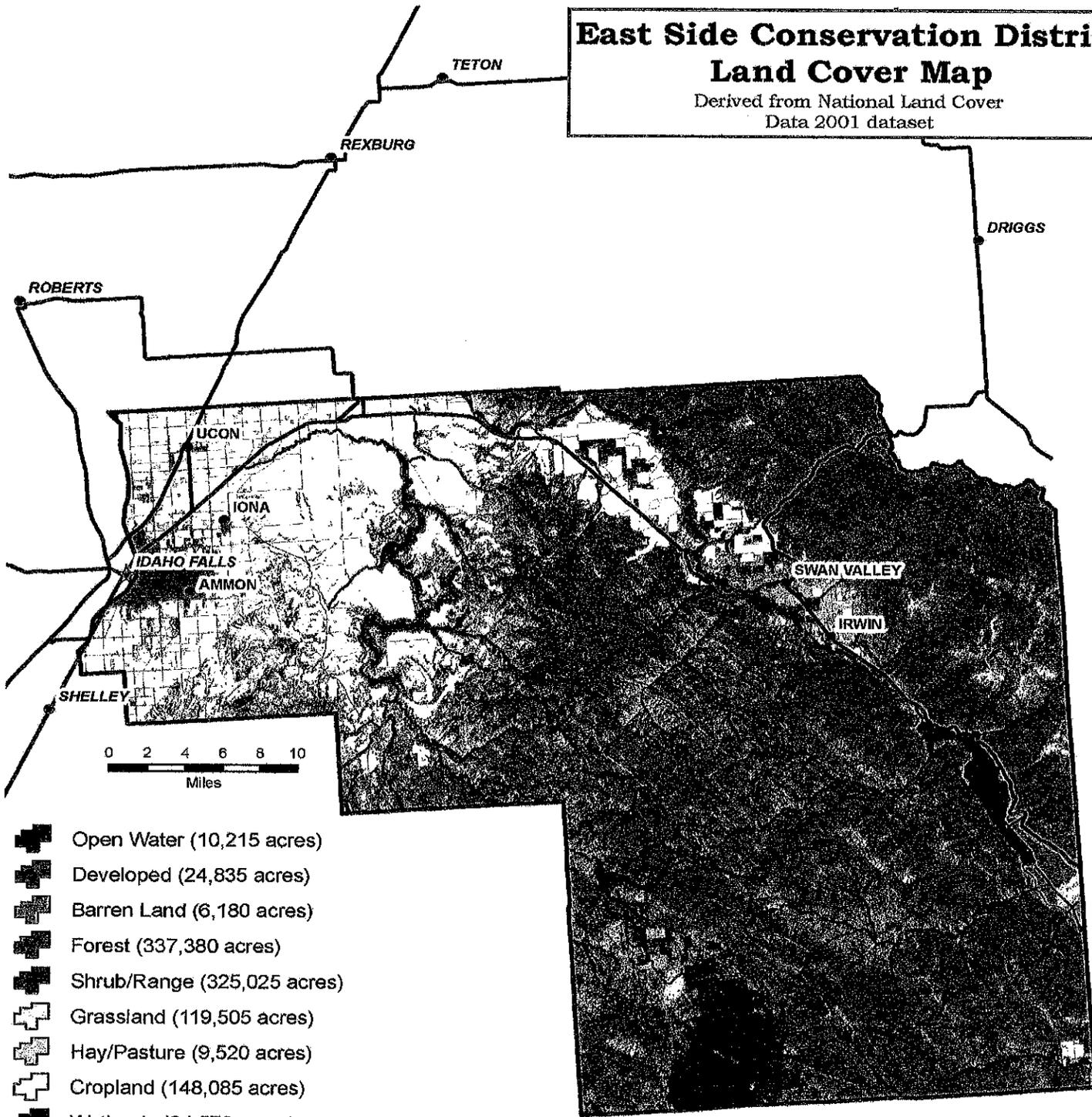
- Private (416,240 acres)
- State of Idaho (37,800 acres)
- Idaho Fish and Game (8,825 acres)
- Other State Lands (50 acres)
- US Forest Service (476,190 acres)
- Bureau of Land Management (25,225 acres)
- Bureau of Reclamation (17,780 acres)
- National Wildlife Refuge (17,415 acres)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (5,475 acres)
- Indian Reservation (310 acres)

- East Side SWCD
- Major Streams
- Major Roads
- East Side SWCD Towns
- Other Towns
- SWC Offices



# East Side Conservation District Land Cover Map

Derived from National Land Cover  
Data 2001 dataset



- Open Water (10,215 acres)
- Developed (24,835 acres)
- Barren Land (6,180 acres)
- Forest (337,380 acres)
- Shrub/Range (325,025 acres)
- Grassland (119,505 acres)
- Hay/Pasture (9,520 acres)
- Cropland (148,085 acres)
- Wetlands (24,570 acres)

- East Side SWCD
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Private Lands estimated cover type distribution :	
1. Forest	37,355 acres
2. Shrub \ Range	125,170 acres
3. Grasslands	69,190 acres
4. Hay \ Pasture	9,070 acres
5. Wetlands	4,775 acres
6. Cropland	145,760 acres
7. Developed	23,580 acres
8. Open Water	910 acres



WJD 3/9/2011

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>Record high °F</b> (°C)	57 (14)	63 (17)	75 (24)	85 (29)	95 (35)	100 (38)	104 (40)	100 (38)	95 (35)	87 (31)	73 (23)	60 (16)	104 (40)
<b>Average high °F</b> (°C)	29.7 (-1.3)	36.6 (2.6)	47.6 (8.7)	58.7 (14.8)	67.9 (19.9)	77.8 (25.4)	86.0 (30.0)	85.8 (29.9)	75.1 (23.9)	61.4 (16.3)	43.0 (6.1)	31.3 (-0.4)	58.41 (14.67)
<b>Daily mean °F</b> (°C)	21.1 (-6.1)	26.7 (-2.9)	36.2 (2.3)	45.0 (7.2)	53.3 (11.8)	61.9 (16.6)	68.7 (20.4)	67.9 (19.9)	58.2 (14.6)	46.8 (8.2)	33.1 (0.6)	22.4 (-5.3)	45.11 (7.28)
<b>Average low °F</b> (°C)	12.5 (-10.3)	16.8 (-8.4)	24.8 (-4.0)	31.3 (-0.4)	38.7 (3.7)	46.0 (7.8)	51.4 (10.8)	49.9 (9.9)	41.3 (5.2)	32.2 (0.1)	23.2 (-4.9)	13.4 (-10.3)	31.79 (-0.12)
<b>Record low °F</b> (°C)	-41 (-41)	-34 (-37)	15 (-26)	9 (-13)	20 (-7)	28 (-2)	34 (1)	31 (-1)	18 (-8)	7 (-14)	-12 (-24)	-29 (-34)	-34 (-37)
<b>Precipitation</b> <b>inches (mm)</b>	1.25 (31.8)	1.01 (25.7)	1.33 (33.8)	1.27 (32.3)	2.01 (51.1)	1.18 (30)	0.74 (18.8)	0.93 (23.6)	0.94 (23.9)	1.12 (28.4)	1.17 (29.7)	1.26 (32)	14.21 (360.9)

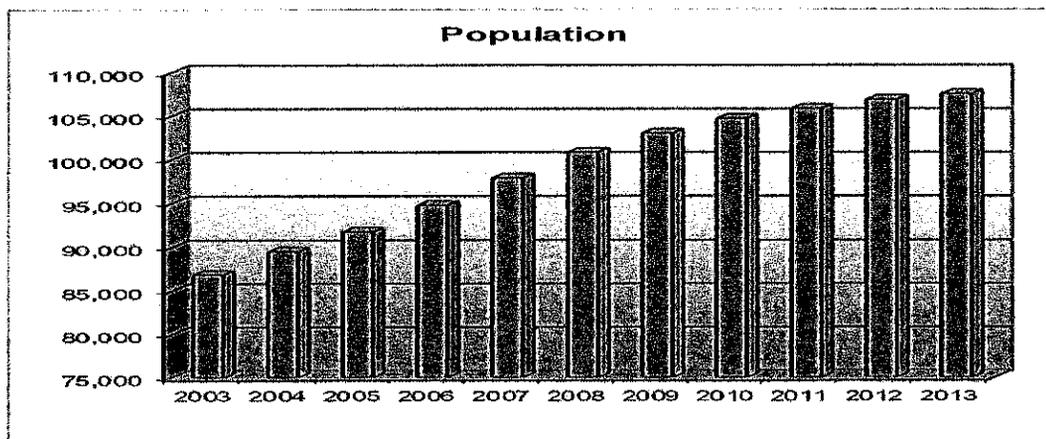
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## **SECTION 2: Economic Conditions and Outlook** **(IDAPA.60.05.02.025.02)**

### **Population**

By population, Bonneville County is the fourth largest in the state. It grew 26 percent from 82,522 in 2000 to 104,234 in 2010. The county has experienced steady growth in the last decade with an average population increase of 2,713 a year for the past five years. The largest percentage increase was 3.12 percent between 2006 to 2007. Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development help the area grow. The 2000 Census classified Bonneville and Jefferson counties as the Idaho Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fourth largest city in the state with a 2010 population of 56,813. The next largest city in the county, Ammon, more than doubled its population, growing from 6,187 in 2000 to 13,816 to be one of the state's fastest growing cities.

Bonneville County unemployment remained below the national and state rates for the last decade. The annual unemployment rate for 2010 was 7 percent. The county is economically stable and cooperates with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority and has contributed to low unemployment rates. The civilian labor force increased by over 21 percent during the decade. Unemployment rates began to climb as the national recession took hold. Due to many insulating factors, rates have remained well below the national and state averages. As a regional health care and retail hub, the consumer and client bases extend beyond surrounding counties to Wyoming and Montana. A skilled and dedicated work force is credited with attracting new businesses and helping others expand. Professional developments like Taylor Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing continue to emerge in the metropolitan area, complementing revitalization efforts for Idaho Falls' historic downtown. New, larger restaurants, more medical facilities and specialists and new technology from the national laboratory further economic growth. France-based AREVA has proposed a multibillion-dollar uranium enrichment plant to be built in the Idaho Falls area for additional employment opportunities.

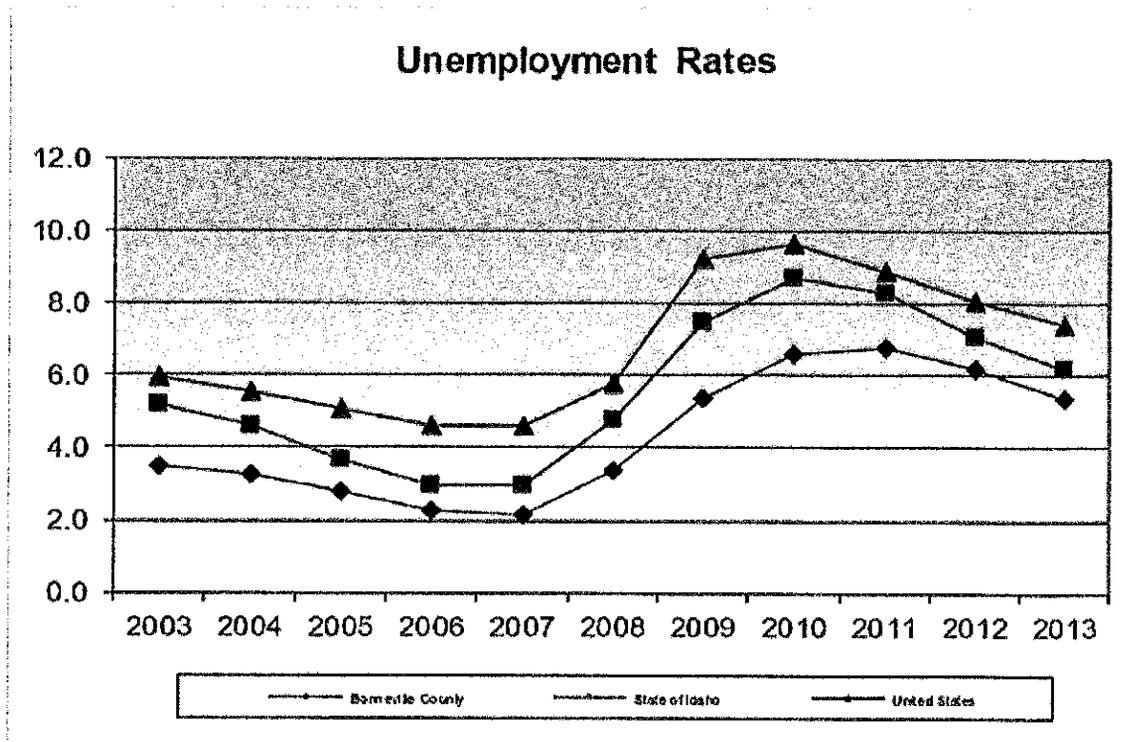


## **SECTION 2: Economic Conditions and Outlook** **(IDAPA.60.05.02.025.02) Labor Force & Employment** **Labor Force & Employment**

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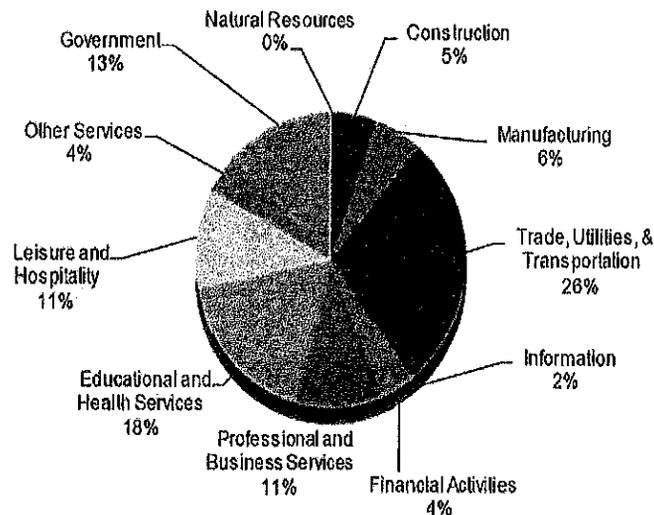
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Labor Force	May 13	May 14
Civilian Labor Force	51,771	51,588
Total Employment	48,822	49,486
Unemployed	2,949	2,102
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.7	4.1
State of Idaho % Unemployed	6.4	4.9
U.S. % Unemployed	7.5	6.3

Labor Force	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Civilian Labor Force	45,648	46,367	48,412	49,322	50,219	50,431	49,796	50,735	51,118	51,678	51,825
Unemployment	1,598	1,503	1,342	1,127	1,045	1,676	2,767	3,369	3,435	3,113	2,786
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.3	2.1	3.3	5.6	6.6	6.7	6.0	5.4
Employment	44,050	44,863	47,070	48,195	49,175	48,755	47,028	47,366	47,683	48,565	49,038

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2013



## **SECTION 2: Economic Conditions and Outlook (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.02)**

### ***Trends Impacting Conservation in the East Side Soil and Water Conservation District***

- Continued reduction in state funding which further reduces the district's efforts to be effective as in conservation.
- Unfunded mandates as it affects agricultural, natural resource and forest management.
- Endangered Species Act mandates and enforcement.
- Urban development and absentee landowners.
- Recreational use and its impact to agricultural management.

### ***Strategies to Address Trends (IDAPA. 60.05.02.025.03)***

- Develop legislative an outreach program to address funding shortfalls from State funds.
- Secure funding to address agricultural mandates and landowner private property rights.
- Implementation of water quality and water quantity projects to improve fish passage and wildlife habitat within the District to help address ESA issues.
- Continue an active information and education program for landowners to address urban development.

### ***Status of the Agricultural Economy and Outlook (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.02)***

The right of agriculture to exist and continue to operate is protected by Idaho law. Given the rural nature of the county, local ordinances and resolutions must not conflict with the right to farm protections for agricultural operations in *Idaho Code, Title 22, Agriculture and Horticulture, Chapter 45, Right to Farm*. High-density residential development defined as more than one home per acre, or conflicting development should be directed away from irrigated agricultural land, taking into consideration the following factors:

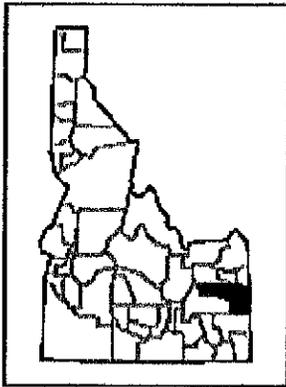
1. Potential crop productivity
2. Availability of water
3. Grazing potential
4. Environmental factors
5. Availability of public services
6. Historical land use practices

Lands designated for agricultural use are suitable for all types of agricultural and range operations, as well as single family homes, including manufactured homes, and accessory buildings necessary for agricultural operations.

Existing commercial, industrial, and residential land uses, home-based businesses and occupations and livelihoods are historical uses and will be allowed and will be managed to minimize the impacts on agriculture. Non-agricultural uses that could have adverse impacts on agricultural land use areas must be carefully reviewed.

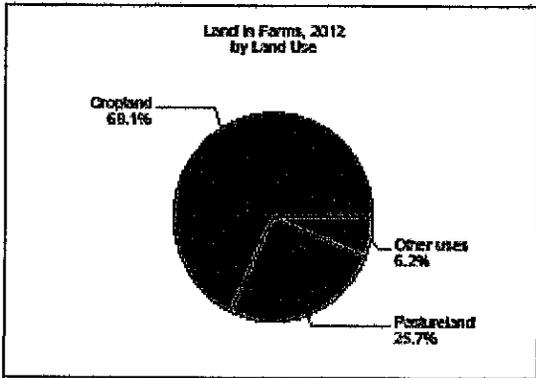
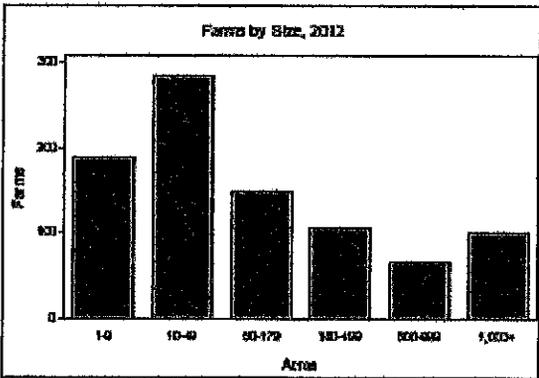
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Bonneville County Idaho

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	893	926	- 4
<b>Land in Farms</b>	409,279 acres	453,088 acres	- 10
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	458 acres	489 acres	- 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$204,176,000	\$189,277,000	+ 8
Crop Sales \$146,529,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$57,646,000 (28 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$228,640	\$204,402	+ 12
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,044,000	\$5,520,000	- 9
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$13,067	\$12,690	+ 3



2007 Census of Agriculture  
 County Profile  
 Bonneville County, Idaho

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of farms</b>	926	963	-4
<b>Land in farms (acres)</b>	453,068	477,784	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	489	496	-1
<b>Market of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)</b>	189,277	119,139	59
<b>Crop sales</b>	110,833	89,478	24
Crop sales- percent of sales	59%	75%	
<b>Livestock sales</b>	78,444	29,662	164
Livestock sales- percent of sales	41%	25%	
<b>Average sales per farm (\$)</b>	204,402	123,717	65
<b>Government payments (\$1,000)</b>	5,520	6,010	-8
Average per farm receiving payments (\$)	12,690	19,386	-35
<b>Land in Farms by Type of Land (acres)</b>			
Total cropland	298,578	333,097	-10
Harvested cropland	193,410	214,851	-10
Permanent pasture	135,191	119,473	13
Total woodland	6,938	8,090	-14
Other	12,361	17,124	-28
<b>Irrigated Land (acres)</b>			
Irrigated land	155,991	141,823	10
Irrigated harvested cropland	147,145	131,656	12
Harvested cropland percent irrigated	76%	61%	
<b>Farms by Size</b>			
1 to 9 acres	182	222	-18
10 to 49 acres	296	316	-6
50 to 179 acres	159	152	5
180 to 499 acres	119	103	16
500 to 999 acres	61	59	3
1,000 + acres	109	111	-2
<b>Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)</b>	147,149	94,210	56
Average per farm (\$)	158,908	97,728	63
<b>Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)</b>	52,320	33,096	58
Average per farm (\$)	56,501	34,332	65
<b>Farms by Value of Sales</b>			
Less than \$1,000	340	397	-14
\$1,000 to \$2,499	89	118	-25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67	84	-20
\$5,000 to \$9,999	88	72	22
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59	52	13
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	24	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	56	44	27
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	17	-18
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	36	78
\$100,000 to \$249,999	53	47	13
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	31	-26
\$500,000 or more	46	41	12

United States Department of Agriculture  
 National Agricultural Statistics Service

## **SECTION 3: Assessments**

### **(IDAPA. 60.05.02.025.03)**

#### **Resource Settings**

##### **Pasture**

Some improved dry land pasture with introduced forage species including wheat grasses, fescues, bromes, and orchard grass. The older established stands are of low vigor, with encroachment of noxious weeds. Continuous season-long grazing is typical, with below-optimum forage production. No commercial fertilizers are applied, and pest management practices are limited. Livestock water may be inadequate. Irrigated pastureland includes both low elevation pastures and those in high elevation mountain valleys. Irrigated pastures are often surface irrigated on variable soils with slopes 1-5%. Irrigation water distributed via earthen ditches, with tail water eventually returning to rivers or streams. Fields may have been leveled. Irrigation efficiency is 20-35%. Plants are introduced

Forage species and native perennials, conventionally tilled when rotating pasture (10 years) and grain (2 years). Fertilizers are sometimes applied, but without soil testing or nutrient management. Adjacent riparian areas are important for wildlife.

##### **Dry Cropland**

Primarily winter wheat/fallow (precipitation 10-14 inches) or annual spring barley (precipitation 16-22 inches), on silt loams with slopes 0-8%. Dry cropland is often characterized by significant ephemeral gully and concentrated flow erosion as well as sheet and rill erosion. Conventional tillage results in less than 15% residue after planting. Application of nutrients and pesticides typically does not meet Idaho NRCS standards.

##### **Surface Irrigated Cropland**

Conventionally tilled, often intensively cultivated cropland on 0-7% slopes. Precipitation is 12 inches or less. Soils are typically sandy loams, silt loams, and loams, and may have been extensively land-leveled in the past. Most irrigation is by siphon tube or gated pipe, but there is also some border irrigation. Typical rotations include silage corn, small grains, and alfalfa, although annual grain is also common. Irrigation-induced erosion exceeds the threshold. Wind erosion is a resource problem following low residue row crops. Surface roughening and cover crops is often utilized to reduce wind erosion problems. Nutrient, pest, and/or irrigation water management may be less than desirable. Impacted surface and/or ground water quality is common.

##### **Sprinkler Irrigated Cropland**

Conventionally tilled cropland on soils ranging from sands to loams. Rotations containing less than 66% high residue crops can lead to wind erosion problems. Wind erosion is typically a problem from March to June, creating air quality and visibility hazards in some portions of the subbasin. Various combinations of small grains, alfalfa, beets, corn, potatoes, beans and barley are grown. Potato with one or two years of spring grain is a typical rotation on slopes ranging from 0-8%.

## **SECTION 3: Assessment (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)**

### **Resource Settings - continued**

These rotations may have sheet and rill and ephemeral gully erosion problems in the spring following potatoes. Sprinkler-irrigation induced erosion may also be a concern, especially on steeper slopes. Nutrient and pest management may be less than desirable. Irrigation water management and maintenance of sprinkler systems may be less than desirable. Wildlife habitat is often inadequate with limited permanent cover.

#### **Hayland**

Conventionally tilled, surface and sprinkler irrigated on 0-7% slopes. Irrigation water is normally plentiful. Small grains and alfalfa are grown in rotation, with alfalfa typically maintained for 4-6 years. Grazing of crop aftermath is common. Nutrient, pest or irrigation water management may be less than desirable.

#### **Rangeland**

Low elevation desert to high elevation, steep rangeland. Low elevation desert characterized by sagebrush and perennial bunchgrasses. Frequent fires have eliminated some areas of sagebrush, with annual cheat grass and other invaders dominant. Carrying capacity can be limited by available water. Land is utilized by antelope and livestock in winter and early spring. Mid elevation rangeland has precipitation ranging from 12-16 inches. This range consists of sagebrush and perennial bunchgrasses with variable soils on nearly level flats to benches and rolling hills. High elevation range has precipitation greater than 16 inches, on steep slopes and high mountain valleys. Access to riparian areas on all rangeland types is not typically managed, and temperature, nutrients, and sediment may be an associated water quality concern.

#### **Erosion**

Sheet and rill erosion by water on the sub basin croplands, pasturelands and CRP have decreased since 1982. Water erosion rates have ranged from a high of about 3.9 tons per acre per year in 1982 to about 2.9 tons per acres per year in 1997. A slight decrease in acres of cultivated methods probably contributed to the decrease in water erosion over the 15 year period. Wind erosion rates on the sub basin croplands, pasturelands and CRP have fluctuated from about 2.5 tons per acre per year in 1982 to about 3.4 tons per acre per year in 1992 and then decreased to about 2.6 tons per acre per year in 1997.

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## Idaho 8 Digit Hydrologic Unit Profile July 2006

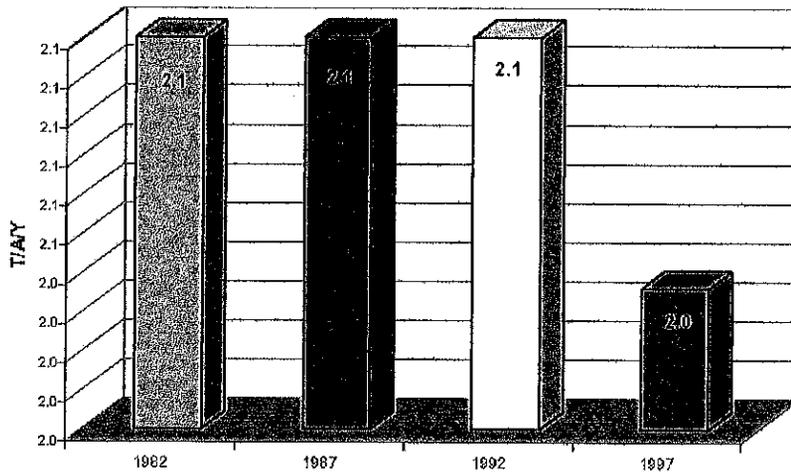
### Resource Concerns

#### Soil Loss by Water Erosion For Cropland, Pasture & CRP Year

Sheet and rill erosion by water on the sub basin croplands, pasturelands and CRP have been essentially static since 1992 but have decreased by about 1/2 ton per acre per year since 1982. Sheet and rill erosion is not a major issue on cropland in this subbasin, with the exception of the dry land area east of Idaho Falls. Susceptibility to sheet and rill erosion is low in this subbasin because the natural precipitation is low and the cropland is relatively flat. The dry land area east of Idaho Falls has a predominantly wheat/fallow dry land rotation.

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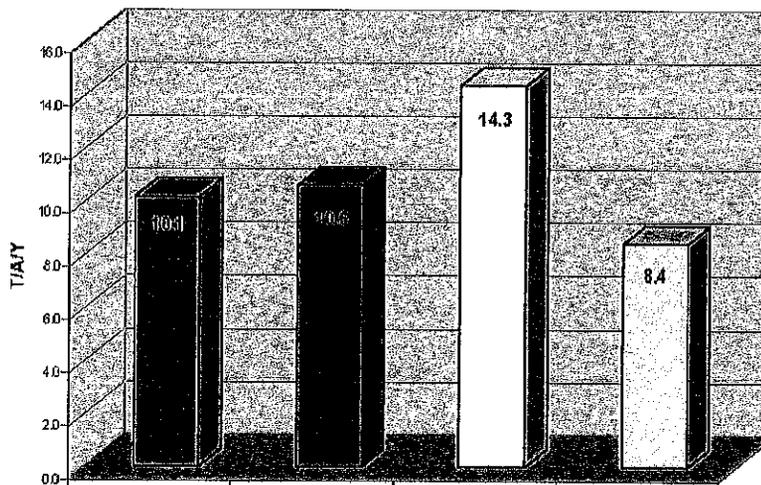
Sheet and rill and erosion are moderate to severe area.



#### Soil Loss by Wind Erosion for Cropland, Pasture & CRP

1982 1987 1992 1997  
Year

Wind erosion has decreased by slightly more than 1 1/2 tons per acre per year on cropland, pasture and CRP in this sub basin between 1982 and 1997. Following a spike in wind erosion to approximately 14 tons per acre per year in 1992, wind erosion has decreased to approximately 8.5 tons per acre per year in 1997. Wind erosion in the moderate to severe residue crops. The I range from 134-220.



## *Species listings and occurrences for Idaho*

### Summary of Animal, Fish and Bird listings

Status	Species
T	Bear, grizzly lower 48 States, except where listed as an experimental population or delisted ( <i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i> )
E	Caribou, woodland Selkirk Mountain population ( <i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i> )
E	Limpet, Banbury Springs ( <i>Lanx sp.</i> )
T	Lynx, Canada (Contiguous U.S. DPS) ( <i>Lynx canadensis</i> )
E	Sturgeon, white U.S.A. (ID, MT), Canada (B.C.), Kootenai R. system ( <i>Acipenser transmontanus</i> )
T	Trout, bull U.S.A., conterminous, lower 48 states ( <i>Salvelinus confluentus</i> )
C	North American Wolverine ( <i>Gulo gulo luscus</i> )
C	Yellow-billed cuckoo ( <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> )
C	Greater sage-grouse ( <i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i> )

### Summary of Plant listings

Status	Species
T	Catchfly, Spalding's ( <i>Silene spaldingii</i> )
T	Four-o'clock, MacFarlane's ( <i>Mirabilis macfarlanei</i> )
T	Howellia, water ( <i>Howellia aquatilis</i> )
T	Ladies'-tresses, Ute ( <i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i> )
T	Peppergrass, Slickspot ( <i>Lepidium papilliferum</i> )
C	Christ's paintbrush ( <i>Castilleja christii</i> )
C	Goose Creek milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus anserinus</i> )
C	Packard's milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus cusickii</i> var. <i>packardiae</i> )
C	Whitebark Pine ( <i>Pinus albicaulis</i> )

**SECTION 3: Assessment  
(IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)**

***District Staffing Requirements/ Needs (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)***

- Full-time Conservation District Administrative Assistant with benefits
- Half Time Information and Education Staff with benefits

***Technical Assistance (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)***

- In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the District is able to utilize Engineer, Range and Soil technical assistance. The Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) support the District with a Water Quality Specialist. The Madison SWCD will seek and accept appropriate and legitimate technical assistance outside the NRCS and ISWCC when or if required.

## **SECTION 4: Identify and Prioritize Objectives (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)**

### ***Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:***

#### **1...Water Quality**

- By 12/31/2016 assist in the development of technical, economical, and social acceptable Conservation plans treating 10,000 acres of highly erodible soils through the use of best management practices
- Assist landowners with applications for Farm Bill program cost-share funding as available such as EQIP,WHIP,WRP to promote effective BMP adoption of non-point source pollution on cropland, rangeland, and riparian areas
- Attend local Willow Creek and South Fork WAG meeting. Review implementation plans and monitoring reports for 303d water quality limited stream segments in the Willow Creek and Idaho Falls hydrological units.

#### **2. Rangeland, Pastureland, Hay land**

- By 12/31/2016 assist producers in implementing range enhancement practices, 10,700 ft fencing, 600 acres brush control, 25 spring developments watering facilities and 15,000 ft of pipeline, prescribed grazing on 12,000 acres.
- Promote Pasture and Hay land improvements on 85 acres with emphasis on water quality, assist landowners with applications for cost-share funding to implement irrigation system upgrades and irrigation management, and ensure nutrient and pest management component is written into producer' conservation plans.

#### **3. Fish & Wildlife Habitat**

- By 12/31/2016 in cooperation with Trout Unlimited, assist landowners applying for cost-share funding to implementing structures for water control in Rainey Creek and facilitate fish movement through irrigation diversions, and to assist producers in implementing 1850 ft of stream bank protection.
- Encourage future participation and monitor currently funded programs that enhance wildlife habitat: such as CRP,CCRP,EQIP,WRP,WHIP, continue to work with Idaho Fish & Game Dept to implant conservation practices in the Tex Creek Wildlife Management Area
- Assist with the Mule Deer Initiative on CRP fields

#### **4. District Operations**

- By 12/31/2016 contact county commissioners to request funding, prepare budget for personnel, public outreach, equipment, and day to day District operations.
- Prepare for and conduct Supervisors elections, conduct employee evaluations annually or as needed. Maintain up to date Personnel Policy Handbook and District Policy Handbook.
- Prepare Annual Work Plan and Report of Accomplishments
- Prepare and hold monthly Board of Supervisor meetings to act upon agenda items. Attend District related meetings, such as Division VI Spring and Fall, IASCD

#### **5. Irrigated Cropland**

- By 12/31/2016 East Side SWCD will assist producers in applying for cost-share funding to assist with the Installation of sprinkler systems to improve irrigation efficiency.
- Promote use of conservation practices: conservation tillage, land leveling, surface roughening, and Delayed seed bed preparation.
- Ensure that Nutrient and Pest Management component is written into each conservation plan/contract

## **SECTION 4: Identify and Prioritize Objectives (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)**

### ***Information and Education Priorities and Goals:***

- By 2016 work with the County School District to provide all 5th & 6th grade students with the opportunity to participate in the annual conservation poster contest.
- By 2016 work with the County School District to provide all High School students the opportunity to participate in the annual conservation speech contest.
- Continue to seek and sponsor interested students to attend the annual Natural Resource Camp.
- Continue to publish informative newsletters to not only educate but promote conservation programs and practices.
- Continue to conduct tours, meetings and workshops to educate, promote and gain insight on conservation practices and concerns.
- Participate in legislative displays to educate and promote Natural Resource conservation to our legislative leaders.

### ***District Operations Priorities, Goals:***

- Ensure that new supervisors will have completed New Supervisor Training.
- In cooperation with the IASCD, ISWCC and Conservation Districts, develop and carry out an effective legislative outreach program to ensure 100 per cent State matching funds for all Districts.
- Invite and include legislative leaders (County, State and Federal) whenever possible, to tours and working groups to gain support and recognition for conservation practices and programs.
- Continue to lead and or participate in local workshops, meetings and seminars to address the control of noxious Weeds.
- Continue to utilize college students on constructing conservation windbreaks, the collection and disbursement of biological control measures for noxious Weeds and assisting with stream bank improvement projects.

## SECTION 5: Water Quality Component (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)

### Idaho Falls Subbasin Subbasin at a Glance

Hydrologic Unit Code	17040201
§303(d) Listed Stream Segments	Birch Creek, South Fork Snake River, South Fork Willow Creek
Beneficial Uses Affected	Cold water aquatic life, salmonid spawning
Pollutants of Concern	Sediment, flow alteration
Major Land Uses	Agriculture, rangeland
Date Approved by U.S. EPA	November 2004

### Overview

Three stream segments in the Idaho Falls Subbasin are listed on the §303(d) list. The hydrology of the Idaho Falls Subbasin is dominated by the Snake River and its associated diversion structures for irrigation of farmland on the Snake River Plain.

Flow in the South Fork Snake River is controlled upstream of the subbasin by Palisades Reservoir. Numerous irrigation diversions also influence flow on the South Fork Snake River. A small section of the South Fork Snake River at the eastern-most border of the subbasin is §303(d) listed for flow alteration, but a TMDL was not prepared for this. Flow is not considered a “pollutant” under the Clean Water Act, and TMDLs are not required for pollution that isn’t caused by a “pollutant.” However, it is recommended that this stream reach remain on the §303(d) list for flow alteration.

South Fork Willow Creek has been §303(d) listed for sediment; however, this stream no longer exists as a natural watercourse. Since the construction of Ririe Dam in the 1970s, the flow in the Willow Creek/Sand Creek complex has been controlled for irrigation. Willow Creek, including both the North Fork and the South Forks, has been converted to canal conveyance structures with straightened channels and riprap style bank reinforcement. No water flows in these channels during the non-irrigation season. Therefore, it is recommended that South Fork Willow Creek be removed from the §303(d) list.

Birch Creek was added to the 1998 §303(d) list with unknown pollutants. A subsequent inspection of the water body revealed that the primary water quality problem is likely sediment from bank erosion. Birch Creek is in a predominantly dryland agricultural region and is constrained between a road and agricultural fields. No data were available for Birch Creek; hence, a TMDL for sediment was constructed by using the adjacent Antelope Creek TMDL as a proxy. Because of similar geology, soils, and land use, loading analyses from Antelope Creek will suffice until such time that erosion surveys can be completed for Birch Creek.

# Stream and Pollutant for Which TMDLs Were Developed

Birch Creek

Sediment

## Palisades Subbasin

### Subbasin at a Glance

Hydrologic Unit Code	17040104
Size	839.7 square miles
§303(d) Listed Stream Segments	Antelope Creek, Bear Creek, Camp Creek, Elk Creek, Fall Creek, Little Elk Creek, North Fork Indian Creek, Snake River (2 segments), Sheep Creek
Beneficial Uses Affected	Cold water biota, salmonid spawning
Pollutants of Concern	Sediment, flow alteration
Major Land Uses	Forest, agriculture
Date Approved by U.S. EPA	February 2001

## Overview

The Palisades Subbasin drains to the South Fork Snake River in eastern Idaho. Public lands, predominantly forested, cover over two-thirds of the subbasin. The private lands are mainly rural properties used for agriculture. Impaired water quality in the Palisades Subbasin is mainly caused by deposition of excess fine sediment due to roads, recreation, and livestock grazing in riparian areas. Sediment TMDLs were developed for Antelope and Bear Creeks; the boundaries of the listed segments in both creeks were extended. Camp Creek and Fall Creek are both listed with unknown pollutants. The TMDLs for these creeks were completed in 2004. In addition, the boundary of the listed segment of Fall Creek was extended to encompass the entire length of the creek. Antelope Creek and both listed segments of the Snake River are impaired by flow alteration, but TMDLs

were not prepared for this, as flow is not considered a "pollutant" under the Clean Water Act, and TMDLs are not required for pollution that isn't a "pollutant." The TMDL recommends that Elk Creek, Little Elk Creek, North Fork Indian Creek, and Sheep Creek be removed from the §303(d) list, as these segments all meet their beneficial uses and/or show no human impacts.

## Streams and Pollutants for Which TMDLs Were Developed

Antelope Creek  
Bear Creek

Sediment  
Sediment

### Subbasin at a Glance

Hydrologic Unit Code	17040205
§303(d) Listed Stream Segments	Birch Creek, Brockman Creek, Buck Creek, Corral Creek, Crane Creek, Grays Lake Outlet (2 segments), Hell Creek, Homer Creek, Lava Creek, Long Valley Creek, Meadow Creek, Mill Creek, Ririe Lake, Rock Creek, Sawmill Creek, Sellars Creek, Seventy Creek, Tex Creek, Willow Creek (3 segments)
Beneficial Uses Affected	Cold water aquatic life, salmonid spawning, primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, domestic water supply, special resource water
Pollutants of Concern	Sediment, temperature, nutrients, flow alteration
Major Land Uses	Cropland, rangeland, forest, water (Grays Lake)
Date Approved by U.S. EPA	June 2004

## Overview

The Willow Creek Subbasin in southeastern Idaho is a watershed of the Upper Snake River Basin. Waters of Willow Creek are connected to the Snake River through a complex irrigation system located below Ririe Reservoir.

Native fish populations, water quality, and riparian habitat conditions are issues of concern in the subbasin. The cumulative effects of land management in riparian areas, human-caused stream alterations, roads, limited recreation, and pockets of timber harvesting have combined to limit compliance with water quality standards. The production and survival of resident fishes are also impacted throughout the watershed.

Rainbow trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, brook trout, and brown trout have all been documented in the watershed. The Yellowstone cutthroat trout is a state sensitive species. Fish count data show that salmonid populations are trending downwards in the subbasin.

The document sets TMDLs to control pollution from sediment and to lower temperatures in various segments of the subbasin. In addition, it recommends certain adjustments to the state's list of impaired water bodies to reflect current conditions.

The magnitude of sediment loading within the subbasin is widespread, predominantly attributable to stream bank erosion from over-utilization of riparian habitat. Some additional sources of sediment loading are poor road maintenance, road crossings, and mass wasting. Sediment loading targets were developed based on literature detailing expected natural conditions and substrate sediment impacts on salmonid spawning.

Reduced riparian vegetation contributes to accelerated stream bank erosion, which results in increased thermal loading which, combined with associated changes in channel morphology, is the primary causes of increased temperature loading in affected streams. Temperature TMDLs have been developed for all streams where thermograph data have been collected.

Anthropogenic causes of flow alteration in the subbasin include diversion for stock watering and irrigation. It is not likely that beneficial uses will be restored in streams of the watershed where dewatering from surface water diversions occurs during significant portions of the year. In addition, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not believe that flow (or lack of flow) is a pollutant as defined by the Clean Water Act. Since TMDLs are not required for water bodies impaired by pollution but not pollutants, TMDLs were not developed for flow altered streams.

## Streams and Pollutants for Which TMDLs Were Developed

Brockman Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Buck Creek	Sediment
Corral Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Crane Creek	Sediment
Grays Lake Outlet	Sediment
Hell Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Homer Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Lava Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Meadow Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Mill Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Rock Creek	Sediment
Sawmill Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Sellers Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Seventy Creek	Sediment
Tex Creek	Sediment, Temperature
Willow Creek	Sediment, Temperature

## **SECTION 6: Identify and Prioritize Projects (IDAPA.60.05.02.025.03)**

The East Side SWCD has identified projects and programs for State and County funding as follows:

- ✓ Maintain staff hours to conduct and implement District business and objectives
- ✓ Conduct Workshops and Tours and provide Publications on Water quality and quantity improvement projects, Crop and Hay land improvement projects and Wildlife Initiative projects
- ✓ Organize and conduct Awareness workshops
- ✓ Promote Conservation Wind Breaks that prevent soil and water erosion as well the spread of noxious Weeds.
- ✓ Sponsor a Poster contest for County 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders
- ✓ Sponsor a Speech contest for County High School students
- ✓ Operate the District equipment program (District owns and rents a Weed fabric layer and Tree planter)
- ✓ Support the State Lands judging contest
- ✓ Support the State Forestry contest
- ✓ Support and contribute to the High Country RC&D Cloud Seeding program
- ✓ Support the control of Noxious Weeds
- ✓ Provide the community with leadership and support for the conservation of natural resources
- ✓ Support of the IASCD, RC&D and IDEA

The above projects and activities are ranked in a priority order however the Madison SWCD believes they have secured adequate funding to provide both staff and sponsorship of these activities for the next fiscal year.

Implementations of these projects and activities are scheduled to take place through the fiscal year, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and have secured funding. The East Side SWCD Board of Supervisors and Administrative Staff will oversee the implementation of this work with the assistance from the NRCS, RC&D and the County.

## Key Conservation Decision Makers

- ✚ The Citizens within the East Side Soil and Water Conservation District
  
- ✚ County Commissioners;
  - Roger Christensen, Commissioner
  - Dave Radford, Commissioner
  - Lee Staker, Commissioner
  
- ✚ County Planning and Zoning Administrator and Coordinator;
  - Doyle Beck, Craig Burtenshaw, Terry Koster
  - Tom Hunsaker, Leslie Polson, Byron Reed
  - Randy Smith, Mark Thompson, Judy Tweedy
  
- ✚ Mayor of Idaho Falls
  - Rebecca Casper
  
- ✚ State legislators representing the Conservation District;
  - State Representative Marc Gibbs, State Representative Janet Trujillo
  - State Representative Tom Loertscher, State Representative Linden Bateman
  - State Senator Dean Mortimer, Senator Bart Davis
  
- ✚ U.S. Senators and Representative;
  - U.S. Senator Michael Crapo
  - U.S. Senator James Risch
  - U.S. Representative Michael Simpson
  
- ✚ Conservation District Supervisors;
  - Matt Woodard, Chairman
  - Ryan Blatter, Vice-Chairman
  - Craig Jensen, Secretary
  - Delbert Winterfeld, Supervisor
  - Jerry Kienlen, Supervisor
  - Kathy Weaver, Supervisor
  
- ✚ Technical Expertise Groups;
  - NRCS Field and Soils Office
  - Bonneville County Weed Department
  - High Country RC&D

***Acronyms and Definitions***

***Acronym***

***Defined***

AFO	Animal Feedlot Operation
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
USBOR	U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
DEQ	Department Environmental Quality
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
FSA	Farm Service Agency
IDA	Idaho Department of Agriculture
IDFG	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
IDWR	Idaho Department of Water Resources
ISWC	Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OSC	Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation
RC&D	Resource Conservation and Development
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
WQPA	Water Quality Program for Agriculture

***Reference sources for information used to compile plan:***

United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
Natural Resource Conservation Service Rapid Watershed Assessment  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Idaho Department of Commerce  
Idaho Department of Labor  
Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
East Side Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Work Plan



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*New irrigation diversion to improve efficiency with solar powered fish screens installed*

## Conservation District Priority Number 1: Water Quality

**Goal(s):** Through use of Best Management Practices, reduce and control nonpoint source pollution

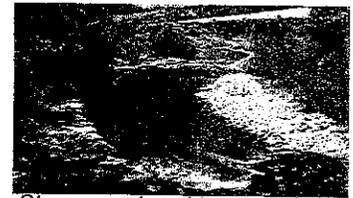
**Objective:** To restore and maintain integrity of Idaho's water as stated in the Clean Water Act

### Actions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist in the development of technical, economical, and social acceptable Conservation plans treating 10,000 acres of highly erodible soils through the use of Best Management Practices</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist landowners with application for Farm Bill program cost-share funding, as available, in programs such as EQIP, WHIP, WRP to promote effective BMP adoption of nonpoint source pollution on cropland, rangeland, and riparian areas.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend local Willow Creek and South Fork WAG meeting. Review implementation plans and monitoring reports for 303d water quality limited stream segments in the Willow Creek and Idaho Falls hydrological units.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to assist with information on reports for TMDLS on listed streams. Work with outside agencies to continue to promote projects that are geared toward improving streams, rivers, and riparian habitat health. Continue to support projects that promote fish health, and improve irrigation efficiency, and improve water quality for recreation and wild life habitat concerns.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS

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*Stream restored to natural meander with additional fish habitat and rock weirs*

### Conservation District Priority Number 2: Fish & Wildlife Habitat

**Goal(s):** Restore and develop areas for fish habitat, game birds, waterfowl, and small animals through Conservation projects and practices

**Objective:** Improve and enhance fish & wildlife habitat on 6050 acres including riparian and wetlands

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In cooperation with Trout Unlimited, assist landowners in applying for cost-share funding. This will encourage landowners to implement new fish friendly structures that are efficient for water delivery and promote healthy fish and wildlife habitats on Rainey Creek.</li> <li>• Assist producers in implementing additional stream bank protection</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage future participation and monitor currently funded programs that enhance wildlife habitat: such as: CRP, CCRP, EQIP, WRP, WHIP</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with Idaho Fish and Game Dept. to implement conservation practices in the Tex Creek Wildlife Management Area</li> <li>• Assist with the Mule Deer Initiative on CRP fields</li> <li>• Assist Land Owners in Applying for the SAFE program. Must have an active Sharp Tail Grouse Leck within 1.2 miles for nesting and Brood-Rearing, and 4.0 miles for Winter Habitat</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS

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East Side Board members doing tour of  
Garden Creek reconnect in 2012

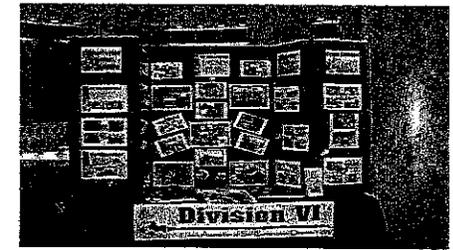
### Conservation District Priority Number 3: Education and Public Outreach

**Goal(s):** Participate in opportunities to promote resource conservation programs and projects

**Objective:** Promote environmental awareness of values and concepts of resource conservation

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and support local environmental education events: Idaho Envirothon, Water Awareness Week with the water festival, Earth Day, Natural Resource Workshop Camp, poster contest, and speech contest.</li> <li>Assist West Side SWCD with annual Adopt-A-Canal cleanup Campaign, and promote the need for the project.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish quarterly newsletter East to West to promote erosion control, conservation practices, funding opportunities, and to highlight District accomplishments in resource conservation, as well as current dates for applying for programs available. Keep current information on District's Web-Site: <a href="http://www.EastSideWestSide.org">www.EastSideWestSide.org</a></li> </ul>	6/30/2016	Adm.Asst: Joyce Smith, newsletter editor: K Jensen, Guest editorials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain working relationship with media and others to promote District Projects, Continue to maintain Educational outreach with DEQ, EIEEA group. Participate in water festival program. Work with other area schools not able to attend the one in Idaho Falls as a on road presentation so all students can benefit and learn about conservation programs and water quality. Promote Yearly tours of finished projects.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS

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Display Day at the Capital with joint display  
 Board of Division VI

**Conservation District Priority Number 4: District Operations**

**Goal(s): Supervisors provide leadership and management to reach operational objectives**

**Objective: Provide policy to maintain operations at highest level of efficiency**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Individual(s) Responsible</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact county commissioners to request funding, prepare budget for personnel, public outreach, equipment, and day –to- day District operations</li> <li>Prepare for and conduct Supervisors elections</li> </ul>	6/30/2016  Per requested dates	District Board, Admin Assist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain accurate financial records using Quick Books accounting program, submit records for review by CPA as per policy. Submit requested reports</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	Dist Treas: Frank McClure Admin.Asst: Joyce Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct employee evaluations annually or as needed. Maintain up to date Personnel Policy Handbook and District Policy Handbook</li> <li>Prepare Annual Work Plan and Report of Accomplishments, 5 year plans, yearly financial budget and P&amp;L as needed</li> </ul>	6/30/2016  Per request dates	District Board, Admin Assist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and hold monthly Board of Supervisor meetings to act upon agenda items. Attend District related meetings- Division VI, IASCD</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS



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Fresh cut hay baled and ready for feed

**Conservation District Priority Number 5: Range lands, Pasturelands, Hay land**

**Goal(s): Apply conservation practices through Farm Bill cost-share and other funding Programs**

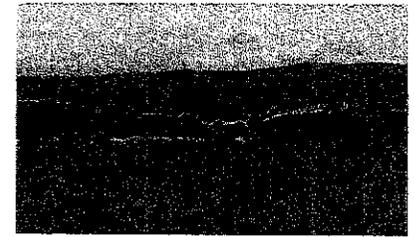
**Objective: Improve conditions and trends of rangeland, pastureland, and hay lands within the District**

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist producers in implementing range enhancement practices, which include fencing, brush control, new spring development, watering facilities, and additional pipelines, and prescribed grazing on additional Acres.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote pasture and hay land management practices, with improvements and an emphasis on water quality</li> <li>Assist landowners with applications for cost-share funding to implement irrigation system upgrades and irrigation management.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that nutrient and pest management component are written into producer's conservation plans</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	NRCS: Josh Miller DC Steve Keller

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Pivot Irrigation systems watering crops

## Conservation District Priority Number 6: Irrigated Croplands

**Goal(s):** Implement conservation measures on 1000 acres of highly erodible croplands

**Objective:** Reduce erosion; improve water quality and quantity on irrigated cropland

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist producers in applying for cost-share funding and installation of Sprinkler irrigation systems to improve irrigation efficiency.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the use of conservation practices: conservation tillage, land leveling, surface roughening, and delayed seed bed preparation</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that Nutrient and Pest Management component is written to each conservation plan/contract</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS

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Cutting grain grown on dry farm land

**Conservation District Priority Number 7: Dry Lands - Non Irrigated Croplands**

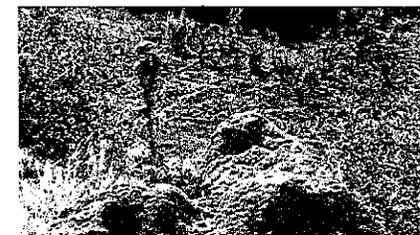
**Goal(s): Provide landowners assistance in planning and implementation of Best Management Practices**

**Objective: Reduce erosion losses to tolerable level "T" on highly erodible cropland areas**

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote use of water &amp; sediment basins, conservation tillage, buffers, grassed water ways, crop residue management, cover crop, strip cropping, and no-till practices to reduce and control erosion.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include nutrient and pest management component in all conservation plans/contracts</li> <li>Conduct status reviews on program practices as necessary</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	NRCS: Josh Miller DC Steve Keller
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisors acting as a board, review and approve cooperator conservation plans</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff, & NRCS

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Noxious weeds spread when the plant seeds out and wind carries the seeds to other areas.

### Conservation District Priority Number 8: **Noxious Weed Management & Pest Management**

**Goal(s):** Provide information of noxious weed concern through newsletters, tours and workshops

**Objective:** Increase awareness of problems, control, and economic impact of noxious weeds

Actions	Target Date	Individual(s) Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Publicity in the District newsletter focusing on noxious weeds, and local working group workshops.</li> </ul>	3 x year 6/30/2016	Adm Asst Joyce Smith NRCS: J. Miller, S Keller Guest Editorials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify areas needing weed control and do follow up on procedures for control</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write a pest management component into conservation plans/contracts</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	NRCS: J. Miller & S. Keller
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in Upper Snake Cooperative Weed Control Management Area, attend weed workshops and meetings, and hold yearly workshops as needed.</li> </ul>	6/30/2016	District Board, Staff & NRCS

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**FIVE-YEAR (5) PLAN and  
ANNUAL WORK PLAN  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:**

EAST SIDE SWCD

**FOR FISCAL YEAR:**

2015

**PERIOD:**

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

**DUE :**

March 31, 2015

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Five-Year (5) Plan and Annual Work Plan is true and accurate, and further Submit said Plan for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Five-Year (5) Plan and Annual Work Plan shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

*Matt Woodard*

Board Supervisor Signature

MATT WOODARD, Chairman

Printed Name

*2/4/2015*

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**