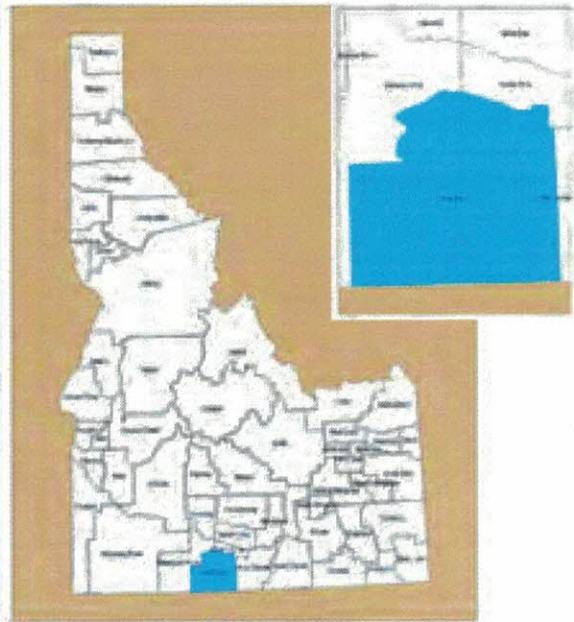


# Twin Falls Soil & Water Conservation District



## Recent Projects



The plot on the left was grazed in the fall of 2014, while the one on the right was not. Voles have been a problem in non-grazed cover crop seedlings.



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*Meets first Wednesday of each month*

### Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quantity
2. Water Quality
3. Cropland
4. Rangeland
5. Animal Waste Management

### 2015 Revenue

Federal Grants \$19,965

State Grants and Services \$21,291.40

County General Services \$8,000

Total \$49,256.40

### Soil Health

Twin Falls SWCD completed a two-year Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration Project in 2015. Through this project, multi-species cover crop mixes were planted across the Magic Valley to determine viability in a range of soil and climatic conditions. Some of these fields were grazed, others were not.

The project was successful in demonstrating that multi-species cover crops can be grown successfully in southern Idaho. This can be shown by the sharp increase in cover crop acres planted in Twin Falls County this fall.

## **Educational Efforts**

• Approximately 215 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from three schools participated in the 2015 poster contest for elementary students. One of those posters competed at the State IASCD Contest.

• A speech contest for high school students is also held each fall.

• Provided two campers with full scholarships to Natural Resources Camp.

• Sponsored the Harrington Fork Educational Day Hollister 3rd Granders.

• Twin Falls SWCD also participated in the 2015 Ag Pavilion at the Twin Falls County Fair, featuring the 2015 Soil and Water Stewardship theme — “Your Local Heroes — Backyard Pollinators”.

## **District Capacity Building Grant**

The Twin Falls SWCD utilized its FY 2015 Capacity Building Grant to purchase a color printer and printer cartridges to print flyers and other materials for field days and meetings.

## **Future Projects**

### **Focus on better nitrate management**

Twin Falls SWCD is exploring opportunities to gather deep soil nitrate data throughout the Twin Falls Nitrate Priority Area. This project would be in conjunction with the Twin Falls Groundwater Protection Committee.

One of the concerns is how irrigation water management and agronomic practices push nitrates below the crop root zone and if so, how deeply. This may impact nitrate levels in groundwater but no one knows at this time.

Supervisors hope to work with researchers at the ARS Northwest Irrigation & Soils Lab in Kimberly and also the University of Idaho on this project.

### **Celebrate success**

In 2016, the Twin Falls SWCD will celebrate its 65th anniversary. The District plans to celebrate that success during the 62nd water forecast meeting to be held in April 2016. The Twin Falls SWCD was formed to address the chronic water shortages faced on the Salmon Tract. The water forecast meeting is an appropriate time and place to reflect on the District's history and talk about future projects.

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### **Twin Falls SWCD Supervisors:**

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PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION

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Twin Falls SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2015

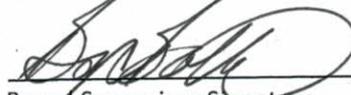
DUE :

December 20, 2015

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

  
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Board Supervisor Signature

Barry C. Bollwinkel  
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Printed Name

12/10/15  
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