

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Custer Soil and Water Conservation District was established in June of 1953. The District has long worked in partnership with the Soil Conservation Service's Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen with trials of new and improved grasses.

Mission

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources and focus them wisely to meet the needs of local landowners for the conservation of soil, water, and related resources.

Location

Western Custer County and the small portion Lemhi County that includes the Pahsimeroi River drainage. It also includes portions of the Salmon and Big Lost Rivers.

Legislative District 8

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Assisted land owners with flood damage.
- Removed 2 passage barriers on Meadow Creek.
- Installed a water conservation project, resulting in a flow increase of 6 cfs in Meadow Creek and Goat Falls.
- In partnership with IDFG and IDL, installed riparian fence and stock water facilities on State lands.
- Sponsored Poster Contest for 60 local students.
- Annual 5th grade tour of a seed potato and grain farm for 32 students.
- Served as a judge at the NCF Envirothon.
- Co-sponsored Ag Week for 180 students.
- Sponsored Natural Resource Day with 180 students.

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FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Installed structure in Patterson/Big Springs Creek to provide water control and water conservation resulting in approximately 15 cfs increase to stream flow most of the summer and during the none irrigation season.



Students learn to use survey equipment during the Annual 5th Grade Tour

Future Plans and Projects

- Custer SWCD continues to focus on resource concerns related to water quality, water quantity, and the Endangered Species Act.
- The Custer SWCD continues to work with willing landowners to implement projects related to fish recovery by addressing flows, fish barriers and stream restoration projects. The district has allocated funds to implement six of these projects over the next year.

FY 2018 Funds

State of Idaho	\$ 17,778.00
County and local	\$ 6,625.00
Federal grants	\$ 312,991.00
Landowner Match	\$ 22,000.00
Total	\$ 359,394.00

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month

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