

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Idaho Soil Conservation District was formed in 1954 to provide voluntary land and water conservation assistance to land owners and users within the District. The District developed conservation programs to protect woodlands, cropland, rangelands, and wildlife. We encourage landowners to include wildlife habitat in their land management decisions.

Mission

To focus available technical, financial, and educational resources and coordinate them so they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water, and related resources.

Location

Idaho County, at the base of the Panhandle. The District is very large (8,477 square miles) and encompasses a wide variety of environments and land uses.

Legislative District 7

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Upgraded 7 culverts in the Lawyer Creek watershed to reduce sediment inputs. Combined with the relocation of Keuterville Road, sediment load will be reduced by an estimated 5.5 tons/yr.
- Worked with 2 private landowners in the Red Rock Creek drainage to install riparian fences, a watering facility (including 100' of pipe and a 360' long rock access road;) and livestock heavy use pads.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- The District continued its activities in the Lower Lolo Creek Critical Habitat Area. To support the recovery from the 2015 Clearwater Complex Fire, it helped to plant 130 acres with 35,000 seedlings on 2 private properties. The U of I Extension Service provided educational workshops.



Keuterville Road Replacements

Future Plans and Projects

- Plant an additional 100,000 seedlings in the Lolo Creek drainage.
- Relace 2 culverts on Big Cedar Creek to improve fish passage.
- Replace 1 culvert and remove 1 culvert on Sears Creek to improve fish passage.

FY 2018 Funds

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| State | \$ 21,024.72 |
| County | \$ 8,000.00 |
| SRBA | \$ 87,586.45 |
| 319 / DEQ | \$ 228,868.33 |
| IDL Funds | \$ 242,926.12 |
| PCSRF Funds | \$ 145,364.61 |
| Dedicated Legislative | \$ 20,554.36 |
| Total | \$ 754,324.59 |

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