

# Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

## 2018 Fact Sheet

### General Information

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1952 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance within the District. Popular conservation measures in the District are conservation tillage, brush control, irrigation water management, windbreaks, grazing management, use of crop residue and irrigation system improvements.

### Mission

To protect and promote the natural resources found in the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.

### Location

The District has two sections: A portion of Jefferson County in central eastern Idaho, and a second area to the east, centered in Rigby.

### Legislative District 35

### FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Dolly the Idaho Dairy Cow continues as the headliner for the District's education programs. She visited 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the District, as well as being part of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers program.
- Over 5,000 trees and shrubs were sold at the Annual Tree Sale.
- Sponsored speech and poster contests, with 110 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from 2 County middle schools.
- Sponsored the Annual Speech Contest. The winning student went on to win the Division contest and then placed 3rd at the State Contest.
- The District-sponsored Rigby Envirothon team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

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Rigby ID 83442

### FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- The District is proud to once again add the number of its college scholarships, awarding six \$1,000 scholarships to High School seniors planning careers in agriculture.
- Funded 7 scholarships for students to attend the U of I's Natural Resources Camp.
- Partnered with the East and West Sides Districts to organize and host a Soil Health Workshop.
- Hosted the Upper Valley Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant Expo in partnership with Jefferson County.
- Provided financial support to the Twin Bridges Erosion Project.



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State Capacity Building funds were used for school programs and education of the general public.

### FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 11,300.00
County	\$ 9,500.00
Tree and Fabric program	\$ 5,000.00
USDA/NRCS	\$ 358,227.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 384,027.00</b>

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Meetings: Second Thursdays

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