

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1941 to assist the farmers in applying conservation practices and improving their land. The District continues to actively promote conservation cropping systems, contour farming, pasture and woodland improvements, grassed waterways, farm ponds and drainage improvements.

Mission

To restore the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District as a leading partner with other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise use stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

Location

Kootenai County and the north portion of Shoshone County, in the Idaho Panhandle.

Legislative Districts 2, 3, 4, 7

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Continued partnership with the Mica Bay Property Owners Association to restore Mica Creek. Kokanee Salmon and Cutthroat Trout now spawn in the creek.
- Initiated second phase of Western Competitive Grants (IDL) to develop a Watershed Action Plan and implement pilot projects in the Fernan, Blue, and Wolf Lodge watersheds.
- Larry Mundt of Mica Creek was named Grassman of the Year by IASCD.
- In partnership with the Idaho Forest Owners Association (IFOA,) sold 110,660 tree seedlings.

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- With the assistance of the Idaho Department of Lands, developed 8 Forest Stewardship Plans.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Operated 4 Watercraft Inspection Stations under an agreement with the Idaho Dept. of Agriculture. 37,312 inspections resulted in the discovery of 14 boats. 28% of the State's total, fouled with quagga mussels.
- In partnership with the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board, developed plans for water re-use, and irrigation and fertilizer management.



Center pivot on HARSB water re-use plot

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue WCG stream enhancement projects.
- Continue to work with the Aquifer Protection District (APD) on water quality, water quantity, and open space concerns and plans.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 16,380.88
County	\$ 9,500.00
IDL (Western Competitive Grant)	\$ 24,561.00
Tree Sales	\$ 76,782.00
Watercraft Insp Stations	\$436,761.00
Total	\$563,984.88

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