

Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The Valley Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1957. Approximately 2/3 of the private and state-owned lands in the District are woodlands.

Mission

Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations.

Location

Valley County, in west-central Idaho.

Legislative District 8

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Launched a Facebook site to expand outreach and access to District services and information: [@ValleySoilWater](https://www.facebook.com/ValleySoilWater).
- Sponsored a team from Cascade High School to the Idaho Envirothon.
- Sponsored our first District Speech Contest.
- Awarded a \$500 Continuing Education Scholarship to a Cascade High School senior.
- District was designated to act as the WAG for the Lake Cascade Five-Year Review and current monitoring for Big Payette Lake. Coordinated lake access with IDEQ and private land owners.
- Continued to seek year-round alternatives for the Mud Creek Offsite Cattle Water Project.
- Coordinated the Donnelly Boat Dock Rehabilitation Project. This 319 project is anticipated to result in the reduction of 322 TONS of sediment, 532 lbs of phosphorus, and 351 lbs of nitrogen in Lake Cascade.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Organized and hosted 2 Watershed Forums to address the 2017 algal blooms and subsequent Lake closures.
- Continued NRPR Cascade Strand project partnership to install Beaver Dam Analogs, ADA access, interpretive trail signs, and a time lapse camera for monitoring and public education.



Cascade Envirothon Team at Living Waters Ranch

Future Plans and Projects

- Construction of the American Legion Stormwater project will begin in the Spring of 2019.
- NFRP Riverfront Park in McCall site evaluation, design engineering, construction bid and permit scheduled for the Fall of 2018.
- Fish passage and beaver screens in Poison and Rock Creeks (West Mountain watershed) to reduce phosphorus loading of Lake Cascade.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 61,300.00
County (excluding in-kind)	\$ 6,500.00
319 Grant	\$ 22,550.00
EQIP & Landowner Match	\$ 80,872.00
Total	\$ 171,222.00

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