

Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District

2018 Fact Sheet

General Information

The District was organized in 1943 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within District boundaries. 81% of the District is owned by the Federal Government and managed by the BLM.

Mission

To coordinate, inform and educate landowners of practices and opportunities that will enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, protect riparian areas, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Location

Lincoln County in south-central Idaho; The Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers run north to south and west through the District.

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FY 2018 Accomplishments

- The new rangeland drill was used in conjunction with NRCS contractors for pollinator habitat and pasture seedings.
- Cooperated with the University of Idaho on cheat grass/herbaceous bacteria experimental plots.
- Completed the 2nd year of the Variable Rate Irrigation (VRI) Project. Our partners are the NRCS, private land owners, contractors, and the Miller/Coors Corporation. Fields have been mapped, water sensors installed, and data collected and analyzed by participants.
- Partnered with the Chamber of Commerce, City of Shoshone, Lincoln County, Glendale Construction, and the Rural Fire Department to install xeriscape landscape materials at an Entry Park in Shoshone. The District pursued grants and organized community work days to begin the installation.

Continuing and Future Plans and Projects

- Install and monitor weather stations at U of I experimental plots.
- Annual Arbor Day Tree Sale
- Rangeland Management Workshop
- Trees Against the Wind Projects
- Pesticide Workshop
- Create and staff Fair Booth
- Sponsor Green-Stripping Demonstration
- Legislative Display at State Capitol
- Speech & Poster Contests in local schools
- Sponsor Envirothon & Natural Resources Camp



Collecting Data

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 18,286.22
County	\$ 6,000.00
Tree Sale Income	\$ 24,350.00
Rangeland Drill Rental	\$ 2,750.00
Miller/Coors Grant (Mulit-Year)	\$ 35,367.00
Total	\$ 86,753.22

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