



## Recent Activities

This year we hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soil Health Workshop in February using the capacity building funds provided from Idaho Soil and Water Commission. Topics included: Gary Lewis, Bio-Active Emissions Technology from Canada was the main speaker. Mr. Lewis explained his research into how much carbon the environment/plants have been able or allowed to store and how much carbon has been lost using modern agriculture practices. There were 70 people in attendance.

We have Western States Fire Managers Grant with Idaho Department of Lands (IDL): Fuels Reduction Western Lewis County. This project provides funding to thin forests, to improve forest health (decreasing stand densities), and reduce hazard fuel (dead, down, dying and ladder fuels), which will provide protection for structures and improve ingress/egress for Winchester and Forest areas. Three landowners volunteered to have their property masticated and there are several others interested people to participate in the project.

The Lewis SCD and Idaho SWCD have a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) funding opportunity with NRCS implementing soil health practices; 900 acres of residue management, 2111 acres of precision nutrient management, 221 acres of cover crop, 4267 feet of underground outlet, 12 water and sediment control basins within Lewis and Idaho Counties.

We have a 319 Clearwater River Face Drainages Ag Implementations in Lewis County to reduce pollutants into the Clearwater Watershed. We have 3 producers implementing water and sediment control basins, and culvert replacement projects.

Hosted the annual Customer Appreciation Golf and BBQ Day with 50 in attendance.

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## Top Priorities

1. District Funding
2. Water and Soil Quality
3. Forestry
4. Environmental Information and Education
5. Nutrient Management

### Revenue

County	\$	8,000.00
State	\$	23,128.55
USDA Farm Bill	\$	249,099.59

## Mission Statement

The Lewis Soil Conservation District is dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

# LEWIS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## INFORMATION and EDUCATION

Thanks to SWCC for the capacity funding which we are able to use for our events.

### ***IASCD Poster Contest***

50 students participated from two local schools for the IASCD poster contest. The theme was Life in the Soil Dig Deeper. The top winning posters were from Nezperce School. 1<sup>st</sup> place was Alyse Facey, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mason Dove, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Aubree Lux.

### ***Weed Poster Contest***

The Lewis Soil Conservation District (LSCD) and The Lewis County Weed Department sponsored a “Noxious Weeds in Lewis County” poster contest with sixty 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Highland, Nezperce and Kamiah. This contest addressed noxious weeds in Lewis County. Each student was given a noxious weed to research and design a poster of it.

### ***Worm Races***

Held the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Worm Races at Highland and Nezperce for sixty K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. The races ended in a tie at both schools. The students also learned some worm facts and watched a video of a worm eating a corn husk.

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day***

We held and organized the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day at Winchester State Park with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from 3 local schools. Students rotated throughout eight educational stations which were instructed from local agency folks and volunteers.

### ***Crop Tour***

LSCD partners with UI Extension to hold the Annual Prairie Crop and Conservation Tour June 25, 2019. Approximately 40 people attending.

### ***Hatchery in the Classroom***

Worked with Dworshak Fish Hatchery for Hatchery in the Classroom with three local schools. In May the fish were released into Lawyers Creek.

## **Lewis Soil Conservation District Board of Directors**

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## FUTURE PROJECTS

We will continue to encourage and assist landowners with projects to implement BMP’s, have outreach and educational events that focus on protecting the lakes, rivers, forests and soil of Lewis County.

- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) has been submitted to NRCS for renewal funding. We had more applicates wanting to participate in RCPP to address soil health**
- **LSCD will be hosting a Soil Health Workshop February 11, 2020 for the 7<sup>th</sup> year. Each year more and more producers are planning to seed cover crops to help reduce soil erosion. Thanks to SWC, NRCS, IASCD and local businesses for the funding to help sponsor this event.**
- **Continue to have an active information and education program. We will continue to work with the local schools and student, the County Weed Department and other agencies to encourage the students to obtain the knowledge of the environment around them.**

## DISTRICT OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Met with Lewis County Commissioners to discuss funding**
- **Organized and hosted grower meetings addressing Soil Health Practices**
- **Organized and attended the annual Crop Tour**
- **Continue to partner with local agencies**
- **Distributed newsletters to 220 residents**
- **Funded a 4-H small animal trophy**

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<b>IDAHO SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>  <b><u>PERFORMANCE</u> <u>REPORT</u> <u>CERTIFICATION</u></b>	<b>DISTRICT:</b> Lewis Soil Conservation District
	<b>FOR YEAR:</b> FY 2019
	<b>DUE :</b> December 20, 2019

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

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