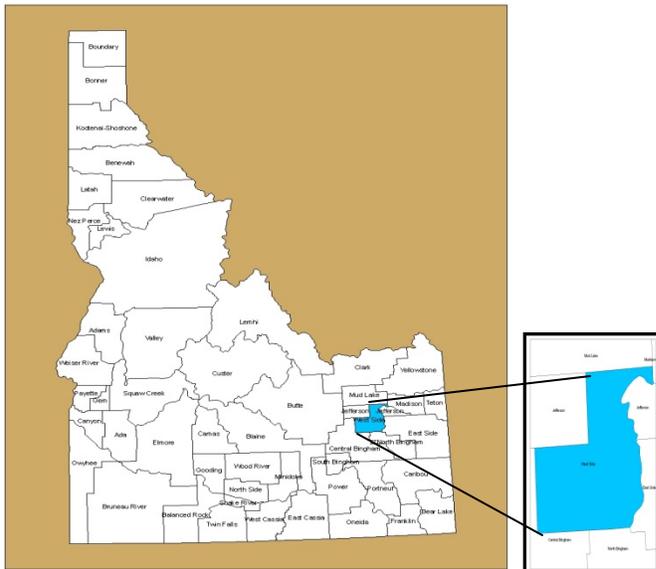


West Side

Soil Conservation District



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 SWCD Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of Month

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Wind Erosion Control
2. District Operations
3. Irrigation & Non Irrigation
4. Education & Out Reach
5. Water Quality

FY 2013 Revenue

USDA/NRCS Farm Bill Programs	\$ 3,413,088.00
State Funding	\$ 16,340.73
County Funding	\$ 5,000.00
Landowner Contribution	\$ 118,381.89
Value of Volunteer Time	\$ 9,000.00
Total	\$ 3,561,810.62

Recent Projects

- We the West Side SWCD feel that continuing the projects listed as Priority 1-5 are our best Accomplishments for the 2013 Fiscal Year, with more improvements in the same areas for the 2014 Fiscal Year. These projects are an important part of Conservation Preservation and by improving on these projects every year; it will ensure better knowledge and usage of these practices.
- Will continue to provide information and assistance to landowners about programs available to them in order to convert to Center Pivot Irrigation in order to improve their irrigation efficiency.
- With 2052.3 acres placed in Access Control, 2870.8 acres in prescribed grazing, and 1879.0 acres in Surface Roughening, landowners will be encouraged to continue to develop and implement conservation plans that will require crop residue and prevention of soil erosion of their land and to utilize appropriate District RCRDP funds.
- With the continued success of the Adopt-A-Canal project with more teams participating and cleaning over 20 miles of canals, landowners are becoming more aware of the importance of clean water and the effect it has on their crops and equipment.
- The West Side SWCD has had 5,332.0ft of new pipeline installed, along with 2 new pumping plants, along with 54.4 acres in Irrigation sprinkler system, and 66.2 acres in Irrigation water management, 3 new stock watering facilities have been installed, and 102 acres of range planting have been done.
- 1,475.0 acres in nutrient management will also help with better water quality. As well as landowners planting cover crops after harvest which will provide additional feed, and 102 acres in Range planning.
- West Side SWCD will continue to provide assistance and education to landowners on how the planting of wind breaks could assist in the control of soil erosion as well as blowing and drifting of snow onto roads that could cause accidents,
- With 3,112.8 acres placed in conservation cover maintenance, 1,478.9 acres in residue management and 431 acres in wildlife habitat management, landowners are helping with erosion control both by the wind and water.



Jesse Fullmer, NRCS and Brian Reed, Idaho Soil Commission out checking a cover crop

District Operations Accomplishments

- District Administrative Assistant will continue to attend all available training,
- The West Side SWCD will continue to work with the East Side SWCD, local media, and other partners to promote District programs in order to reach the public to encourage participation on community projects, as well as a new web site recently published. EastSideWestSideswcd.org
- Will continue to provide information on the Natural Resource Camp, Envirothon, Speech Contest, and the Poster Contest, and provide scholarship funds as needed for students to be able to attend these functions.
- The District Employee and Supervisors will attend /or hold public work group meetings and work with staff from the NRCS, FSA, IASCD, and ISWCC.

District Information & Education Programs

- The West Side SWCD used their capacity building funds to provide a full scholarship to the Natural Resource Camp, A media thank you to all who did adopt-a-canal, as well as supplies for the teams, and material for the students to do the poster contest.



West Side Chairman Jim Dixon and Joyce Smith District Administrative Assistant presenting Poster awards.

- The Adopt-A-Canal finished with over 20 miles of Canals being cleaned by 35 teams this year.
- District staff participated at the Water Festival at the park with 1350 students from area schools attending and 275 students participated in playing the Conservation Jeopardy game. A mobile water festival went two (2) additional schools so they could participate as well.
- This year West Side SWCD had 55 students from one local school submit posters for the Poster contest, 4 posters won prize money from the district, with 3 going to the Division VI Meeting for judging.
- The District newsletter is sent out quarterly to over 700 people.



Adopt-A-Canal Project
Team cleaning a canal and removing debris and old carpet Dumped into the canal.

Future Projects

The West Side SWCD will continue to focus on the requirements outlined in their annual and 5–Year Plan.

The West Side SWCD is here to assist all residents in the West Side SWCD (Western Bonneville and Central Jefferson areas with their soil and water conservation needs and problems, and to make available technical and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

The West Side SWCD will continue to look into a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) pump project to assist landowners in energy use reduction and better water control to ensure better water quality to crops, as well as conversion of hand or wheel line watering to pivot to provide better efficiency.

The West Side SWCD will continue to educate landowners on the importance of planting wind breaks and cover crops to control the blowing soil as well as snow that cause some of the major highways to close and a potential accident that could result in a death.

West Side SWCD is currently working with the Department of Transportation as well as Bonneville County to address these concerns.

The Adopt-A- Canal is a major project that has continued to grow over the past few years and West Side SWCD will continue to insure that the project grows even more with more media coverage and education to the public on the importance of cleaning the canals to promote better water quality.



West Side Soil Conservation District

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**PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: WEST SIDE SWCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:

2014

PERIOD:

July 1, 2012 to June 30 2013

DUE :

DECEMBER 21, 2013

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 and supporting documents shall be Kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.


Board Supervisor Signature

JIM DIXON, Chairman
Printed Name

10/14/13
Date

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