

# Nez Perce SWCD PERFORMANCE REPORT

# 2013

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To be the primary entity leading nonregulatory efforts in the conservation, sustainment, improvement, and enhancement of Nez Perce County's natural resources.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:**

County: Nez Perce

Cities: 4

Legislative District: 6



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**SWCD Board Meetings: Third Thursday**

### Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Fish and Wildlife
3. Vegetative Management
4. Soil Quality
5. Riparian Lands

### 2012 Conservation Revenue

- Grants/Contracts:	\$643,863
- State:	\$60,295
- County:	\$25,000
- Donations:	\$1,850
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TOTAL:	\$731,008

### Recent Projects

#### Natural Resource Projects:

- Coordinated and implemented steelhead habitat enhancements with 54 private landowners
- Improved water quality at 3 livestock feeding operations through installation of 5 water developments and 5,135 feet of fence
- Protected Tom Beall Bridge abutment through installation of riprap and rock bars
- Protected Mission Creek Bridge through installation of 5 rock bars, root wads and vegetative plantings.
- Enhanced 3.5 acres of wetlands
- Released biocontrol agents at 20 sites for the control of Yellow Starthistle, Spotted Knapweed and Field Bindweed
- Controlled erosion on 3,700 feet of roads
- Controlled Japanese Knotweed and Poison Hemlock along 7,695 linear feet of streambank
- Protected 1,029 feet of streambank through installation of rock and bioengineering measures
- Completed weed mapping program on 233 acres focusing on Orange Hawkweed, Japanese Knotweed and Rush Skeleton



**Streambank Stabilization  
 Project Utilizing Rock Barbs and Root Wads**

## Educational Programs



**Children learn about insects at the Entomology station at Environmental Awareness Days 2013**

- The District hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Environmental Awareness Days to educate more than 500 local 6<sup>th</sup> graders about natural resources and conservation practices.
- District staff attended local Camp Wittman event to educate University of Idaho Agriculture students about soil quality.
- A Nez Perce County tour was conducted to educate County elected officials and personnel about the benefits of past and current projects on County lands.
- The District participated in Lewiston, Idaho's Earth Day event to educate the public on soil infiltration and natural resource concerns.
- A tour was conducted to show Bonneville Power Administration's Independent Scientific Review Panel potential project sites.



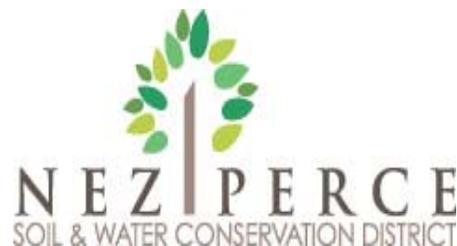
## Future Projects

Nez Perce SWCD continues to focus on the statutory requirement in the annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Fish habitat restoration remains the top resource concerns. The Nez Perce SWCD will continue to plan and seek funding for programs that promote and educate land owners in natural resource conservation.

Continued efforts will be made to address, educate and promote the conservation of our natural resources and to promote such practices as Stream Bank Restoration, Grazing management, Fish Habitat improvements and combating invasive Noxious Weeds.

Our focus will continue to be conducting educational conservation tours, workshops and local working group planning meetings to gain insight from county leaders and residents to formulate our continuing plan of action concerning natural resource conservation.

Funding from various non traditional sources is needed to retain operations and services.



Steve Becker, Chairman  
Tracy Hill, Vice Chairman  
Kyle Wilson, Treasurer  
John Hermann, Member  
Dale Nichols, Member  
Todd Wittman, Member  
Dave Troy, Member

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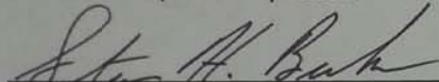
FOR YEAR:  
FY 2013

DUE :  
December 20, 2013

**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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