

# Camas

## Conservation District



### Mission Statement

The mission of the **Camas Conservation District** is to set high standards for conservation of the natural resources in the district; to encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, and elected officials; and to ensure an adequate natural resource base for present and future generations.

### Recent Activities

This year we hosted the **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest** in cooperation with the **National Association of Conservation Districts**, the theme was, "Where Does your Water Shed?"

The Camas Conservation District awarded graduating high school senior **scholarship money**, a **Natural Resources Camp sponsorship** and provided **funding** for the **Idaho Land and Soil Evaluation Event**.

The Camas Conservation District continues to provide cooperators with conservation opportunities and alternatives thru personal contacts, meetings and press releases. Some specific examples are our "**Arbor Day Open House**" event and a **fair display**. Partnering with the **USFS** and **Idaho Forestry Products**, 200 spruce seedlings were handed out, many brochures were circulated and an apple tree was raffled at our open house. At our fair booth we showcased the 5<sup>th</sup> grade posters, provided coliform and nitrate/nitrite test kits and again made available many brochures on various conservation topics. Activity photos were displayed as well.

We have continued to work alongside the Natural Resource Conservation Service and our District Conservationist Steve Thompson, to

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#### Top 5 Priorities

1. Improve Rangeland
2. Improve Wildlife Habitat
3. Public Outreach
4. Improve Water Quality & Reduce Soil Erosion
5. District Operations

#### CY 2013 Revenue

Federal	\$ 5,400.00
State	\$ 14,968.55
County	\$ 4,400.00
Volunteer/In Kind	\$ 7,696.91
Tree Sale	\$ 1,418.44

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develop a Sage Grouse Management Plan, as thousands of acres in Camas County are prime sage grouse habitat.

The Camas Conservation District continued to monitor **water quantity** within Camas County by measuring ground water well depths, as well as participating in the annual **Natural Resource Conservation Service Snow Survey**.

Once again, Camas CD partnered with Blaine SCD and held our **annual tree sale**, providing several species of trees and shrubs for purchase to the public. We also held our first **live Christmas tree sale**.



90 aspen trees were donated to the **USFS** for use for windbreaks, beautification and conifer replacement.

The McCann fire provided us the opportunity to partner with **NRCS** to provide funding to 4 area producers who were impacted by that fire. Funding will be used for fencing, spring and water development and range seeding. This area is prime sage grouse habitat.

Partnering with **NRCS** rock stops have been placed on Willow Creek to avert erosion on stream banks.

In August, the Camas County Bug Crew reported on their 2013 season activities.

Camas County **Planning and Zoning Commission** depends on the Camas Conservation District for environmental suggestions and advice when development and subdivisions are proposed.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to change our name to "**Camas Conservation District**" in order to reflect the national trend of encompassing all aspects of conservation.

Capacity building monies were used to upgrade our computer and software, camera and printer.

### Future Projects

There will be more cooperator and landowner interaction with the Camas Conservation District concerning the **Natural Resource Conservation Service Sage Grouse Initiative**. Camas County has many acres of ideal Sage Grouse habitat and it is important that it is managed in an amicable way.

We are currently partnering with **NRCS** to develop a windbreak for our **Family Health Services** facility. Trees have been donated by a local landowner and projected tree placement is early 2014.

As the Manmade Project unfolds, we plan on being available to assist the county-appointed committee in their endeavors to make this project an asset to Camas County.

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#### Camas Conservation District

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:**

Camas Conservation District

**FOR YEAR:**

CY 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.

Bill Davis  
Board Supervisor Signature

Bill Davis

Printed Name

December 17, 2013

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**