

Ada Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District has achieved over 60 years of successful conservation implementation and is fully engaged in meeting present day conservation needs. They work cooperatively with area farmers and ranchers and have adapted and evolved to work actively within the urban and suburban areas of the district.

Mission (or Function):

- Pursue and develop new partnerships with groups and organizations interested in promoting the wise use, conservation and enhancement of natural resources in Ada County.
- Lead natural resource planning, conservation, and implementation activities in Ada County.
- Provide conservation education to Ada County residents.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Managed 632 acre foothills conservation easement through partnership with Avimor Planned Community.
- Continued monitoring of Ada County conservation easements at Echanove Ranch Estates, Red Hawk Estates, and Hidden Springs Planned Community.
- Continued project effectiveness monitoring for Dry Creek Structure Rehabilitation project for stream bank restoration and flood control.
- Co-Sponsored the Idaho Center for Sustainable Ag’s first Soils Workshop.
- Developed Warm Springs Wetland Site Maintenance and Enhancement Plan for the City of Boise to facilitate public usability and access to a wetland project adjacent to the Boise River greenbelt.

- Helped with the cleanup of the wetland removing old trees, bushes, and debris that were encroaching on the flow of the water through the wetland.



Glen Edwards using No-Till Drill

Future Plans and Projects:

- Through a DEQ 319 grant, the Ada SWCD has been able to purchase a No-till drill in an effort to promote conservation and soil health. The drill will be available for lease to Ada and Canyon County producers and landowners in August.
- Plan and seek funding for a 5th Grade Conservation Field Day in September. The event will be held at Peaceful Belly Farms with 240 students from 5 Boise area schools.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	45,000
State Match	\$	<u>50,000</u>
	\$	103,500

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