

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Idaho Soil Conservation District was formed in 1954 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users within the District. The Idaho SWCD has diverse resources and has developed a conservation program to protect woodlands, cropland, rangelands and wildlife. They encourage landowners to include wildlife habitat in their farm and woodland operations.

Mission (or Function):

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available for responsible natural resource management that conserves and improves soil, water, air quality, and wildlife habitat.
- Focus on available technical, financial and educational resources and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land user.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Implemented Best Management Practices (BMPs) to decrease erosion in the Rock Creek Watershed.
- Completed Phase I of Lawyer Creek Restoration with implementing BMPs on 24,341 acres, 81,660 feet of stream, and 2,182 head of cattle.
- Completed an AFO with movement of the feeding operation and installation of a new road with properly-sized culverts to reduce sediment runoff to Cottonwood Creek.
- Participated in multiple conservation education activities at local schools.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue working on Phase II of Lawyer Creek Restoration Project by implementing BMPs on these critical acres to work toward making the needed reduction for the TMDL.

- Continue to implement BMPs on Division II Phase IV AFO grant and both Cottonwood and Rock Creek grants.



Before: Feeding area in creek and undersized culvert overtops road allowing mud and sediments to enter Cottonwood Creek



After: New road with properly sized culverts and feeding area moved to ridge to reduce sediment and improve water quality

FY 2013 District Funding:

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| Base Allocation | \$ | 8,500 |
| Local Funding | \$ | 7,000 |
| Capacity Building | \$ | 3,060 |
| State Match | \$ | <u>9,577</u> |
| | \$ | 28,137 |

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District Documents

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