

Lewis Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Lewis Soil Conservation District was organized in 1941. Rolling plateaus cut by deeply entrenched streams characterize most of Lewis County. Slopes on the agricultural land range from 5 to 15 percent, some reach 30 percent. The District provides technical assistance in areas such as non-irrigated cropland, non-industrial private forestland and rangeland management.

Mission (or Function):

- Dedicated to conserving natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.
- Provide local leadership in the development and productive use of soil, water and related resources to improve soil quality, soil health, water quality, long term sustainability.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Repaired a septic system to help reduce leaching of nitrates into groundwater.
- Installed two spring developments and watering facilities with 4,338 ft. of pipeline for livestock.
- Installed 32,417 ft. of fence to assist landowners with non-point source pollution control.
- Coordinated and assisted development of a 23 acre cover crop demonstration plot with 8 different species planted.
- Educated landowners on the importance of lime in the soil.
- Applied split fertilizer on 855 acres to help reduce nitrates in surface and groundwater.
- 10 sediment basins were completed to reduce sediment transport.
- Sponsored multiple conservation education workshops for the local youth.



Future Plans and Projects:

- 319 Camas Prairie High Nitrate Area Phase III.
- Lawyer Creek Snake River Basin Adjudication.
- 5 Mile/6 Mile Snake River Basin Adjudication.
- Continue to apply for 319 funding to carry on leadership in assisting producers and landowners in achieving conservation goals through technical assistance and cost share programs.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	8,500
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>11,629</u>
	\$	29,629

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District Documents

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