

# 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 2014 Accomplishments:**

- Continued extensive work to in the Rock Creek Watershed, including:
- Road construction and stream crossing project that moved a roadway that was contributing sediment to a tributary of Rock Creek and placed culverts to eliminate wheel traffic through the waterway.
- Two Heavy Use Protection feeding pads were installed to contain the feeding area of 40 head of cattle. The pads aid in manure collection and redistribution of the nutrients onto nearby fields and eliminate muddy feeding and calving areas. Ground water nutrient contamination is decreased and animal health is increased through the elimination of muddy bedding grounds.
- An extensive pasture management project that added fencing, spring development and trail construction to entice cattle and wildlife to graze in areas previously undesirable because water was not readily available.
- Installation of concrete heavy use pads to two watering systems on the producer’s grazing lands.

- Over 800 feet of rock lined ditch was constructed in order to control and channelize a deep gully that had cut into a wheat field and swept tons of soil into a seasonal stream. The ditch directs and filters spring run-off and protects the cropland from further erosion.



**A previous phase of the Rock Creek project**

**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.

**FY 2014 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$ 20,228
County Funding	\$ 7,000
319 / DEQ Funds	\$ 4,524
SRBA Funds	\$ 413,971
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 445,723</b>

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