

# Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1941 to assist the farmers in applying conservation practices and improving their land. Just a few years later the District was actively promoting conservation cropping systems, contour farming, crop residue use, pasture and woodland improvements, grassed waterways, farm ponds and drainage improvements.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Partner and lead other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

**FY 2014 Accomplishments:**

- The District completed the last 319 project on Mica Creek. Water quality has improved to the point that IDEQ is considering de-listing the lower reach of Mica Creek. Beneficial uses have been restored.
- Completed monitoring and inspections on 4000 feet of riverbank on the lower Coeur d’Alene River.
- Sold a record 79,790 seedlings in the annual forestry tree sales program.
- Installed smart controllers on residential and municipal irrigation systems with a grant from Idaho Water Resources Board
- Assisted Bureau of Reclamation to install four new AgriMet stations over the aquifer.
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**Future Plans and Projects:**

- The District continues to work with the Coeur d’Alene Tributaries WAG on implementing BMPs and watershed planning. This coordinated effort has led to IDEQ finding extra 319 funds to do projects in Wolf Lodge Creek.
- The District received partial funding for a Western Competitive Grant through Idaho Department of Lands. These funds will be used to fly LiDAR over the Wolf Lodge/Blue/Fernan Creek watersheds to begin assessing conditions and recommend treatments.
- Outreach throughout the community to promote District programs and Western Competitive Grant project efforts.



**Willows and sedges along the lower Coeur d’Alene River**

**FY 2014 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$ 12,229
Idaho Water Resources Board Irrigation Grant	\$ 9,000
319 grant	\$ 33,979
Tree Sales	\$ 7,145
Aquifer Protection District	\$ 1,200
Total	\$ 63,553

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District Documents

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