

# East Side Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The East Side Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948 to provide voluntary land and water conservation. On November 16, 2012 at the 70th IASCD Conference held in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Matt Woodard, Chairman of the East Side SWCD received the Doyle L. Scott award. The purpose is to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of natural resource conservation and one who has made exceptional personal contributions to further those efforts. Congratulations Matt.

## **Mission, Vision or Function:**

**Our Mission:** To deliver natural resource conservation technology and education to promote management practices and wise use of natural resources to ensure sustainable resource base in perpetuity.

**Our Vision:** To continue to provide education and support in all aspects of conservation needed for the areas, and to hop that all residents of the East Side SWCD will look to us for guidance and cooperation with the soil and water conservation issues.

## **FY 2015 Accomplishments:**

- Helped fund cloud seeding through the High Country RC&D.
- Hosted a Soil Health and Weed School which attracted 85 landowner participants to learn about current cover crop technologies and weed management strategies.
- Worked with NRCS and other partners to promote soil health, improve irrigation efficiency and nutrient management, and enhance rangeland productivity.
- Worked with Trout Unlimited and other partners to stabilize streambanks and create fish-friendly habitat that will improve spawning and rearing sites for the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in Palisades Creek.



**Palisades Creek, restored back to its original flow and fish-friendly habitat.**

## **Future Plans and Projects:**

- Continue partnership with RC&D for the Cloud Seeding Program.
- Continue efforts to provide education to youth and adults through the Water Festival Conservation Jeopardy game.
- Continue wildfire prevention workshops
- Alert landowners of the availability of Energy Conservation programs.

## **FY 2015 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$21,291
County Funding	\$10,000
Value of Volunteer Time	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,291</b>