

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 2015 Accomplishments:

- The District sponsored and organized the annual 6th grade campout in September - a two night, three day event for over 75 students.
- Purchased 250 Blue Spruce seedlings for the 3rd-5th grade students at Grangeville Elementary Middle School, and for all of the students at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Grangeville for the Arbor Day celebration in April.
- The District has been focusing on the aftermath of the fires, participating in meetings and workshops with different agencies and those affected by the fires, planning ways to get funding, and working with the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission technical staff in applying for grant funding in the fire stricken areas.

- We have been successful in receiving one grant located in the Lolo Creek drainage and are currently applying for a grant in the Tom Taha and surrounding areas that are located in the middle of the Clearwater Complex Fire area.
- The funding from both the County and State have allowed us to be more active in the fire recovery than we would have feasibly been able to otherwise.



Great fun at the 6th grade campout!

Future Plans and Projects:

- Deer Creek SRBA - Work will involve replacing six existing culverts with “fish-friendly” culverts. The current culverts serve as artificial barriers to fish. The new culverts are estimated to reduce sediment by about 5 tons per culvert per year.

FY 2015 District Funding:

State Funding	\$30,880
County Funding	\$7,000
SRBA Funds	\$283,277
319 / DEQ Funds	\$34,944
Total	\$356,101