



TETON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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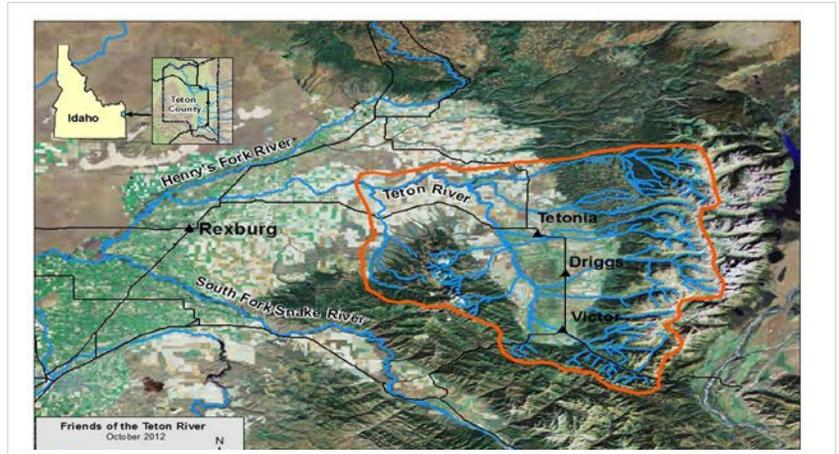
TSCD MISSION STATEMENT: *To work with willing landowners in a non-regulatory manner to reduce erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat, provide assistance to landowners and conduct active information and education programs. Landowners receive technical assistance through that Natural Resource Conservation Service.*

IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: *Teton*
Cities: *4*
Legislative Districts: *31*

CURRENT PROJECTS

Teton Watershed and Soil Health Initiative; a partnership for a common goal. TSCD's interest in this unique partnership is reducing soil erosion and



improving agricultural business practices and returns with the use of the no till drill. With our partner Friends of the Teton River(FTR) a local nonprofit 501©3 we are procuring funds for the purchase of a No-Till Drill, which will be owned and managed by TSCD. Already this initiative has caught the eye of local conservation groups. 1% for the Tetons has awarded a \$5,000 grant for the purchase of the no-till as well as a \$20,000 personal donation from a member of FTR. The and objective of FTR is the conservation side of this project meaning less run off into our rivers, noticeable reduction of nitrates in the water (drinking and river) and greater health for our native fish species. TSCD and FTR will be writing grants and fundraising for this project into 2016 with the hopes of starting this NO-TILL DRILL Project Spring of 2017. TSCD's main objective will be **outreach and education of local producers** in regards to the no till as well as **cover crops used as a biological means to improve soil health**, reducing wind and soil erosion,



reducing the use of fuel, chemical weed killers and fertilizers. *Cover crops and no till drill usage will improve water quality while increasing crop productivity and profitability.* TSCD will offer workshops and outreach, using our capacity building funds as well as integrated funds within our grant proposals. TSCD is going to provide education for local producers as well as Ag Education in our local schools.



OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

For the 5th consecutive year Teton Soil Conservation District has participated in the NACD National Poster Contest, we went to the schools and presented the 2015 topic of “Local Heroes, Your Hardworking Pollinators” giving TSCD and opportunity to get our name out as a conservation reference and to also educate the kids on the importance of pollination to our local farmers.

This year Teton Soil Conservation District has been instrumental in counselling the Teton County Commissioners on the importance and need for a full time Weed Manager for the county. TSCD has offered their continued experience and expertise in training the new Weed Control Manager and plan to use our District Capacity Funds to hold workshops to educate the community about the importance of weed management in Teton County.

In conjunction with the above mentioned encouragement for our local commissioners to hire a full time Weed Control Manager in Teton Valley, TSCD has held several weed awareness workshops and always provides information for the community by the way of workshops, flyers and advertising.

Teton Soil Conservation District again held a windbreak fundraiser, which not only gets the word out about TSCD it also was widely accepted and we had a lot of participation. We sold over \$3000 worth of trees to the community at large.

FY 2015 REVENUE

✓ Teton County ID	\$ 5,909.00
✓ State of Idaho	\$ 18997.01
✓ USDA (NRCS)	\$159,795.00
✓ Tree Program	\$ 1,208.17
✓ Grants/Contributions	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u> (with FTR partner)
Total Revenue	\$210,909.18

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