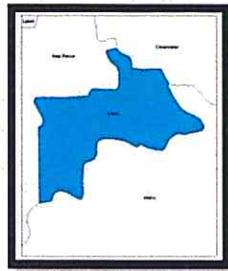


Lewis Soil Conservation District

FY 2015



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Top 3 Priorities

1. Improve Water Quality
2. Nutrient Management and Soil Health
3. Reduce Soil Erosion

The 5-Year Plan of Work continues to be the focus and guiding document for Lewis SCD

FY 2014 Revenue

County	\$ 8,000.00
State	\$ 23,022.16
USDA Farm Bill	\$ 1,073,291.00
319 & CIG	\$ 73,487.95
Landowners	\$ 91,446.83

Special thanks to all of our partnering organizations who made efforts toward conservation, water quality, and best management practices a huge success yet another year!

Water Quality Accomplishment

- Cover crops were implemented on 408 acres. We feel this one of the best ways to improve soil health, reduce off-farm inputs and protect natural resources.
- 80% of Lewis County farming acres have adopted continuous direct seed/no-till.

Nutrient Management and Soil Health Accomplishments

- LSCD coordinated and assisted in developing 408 acre of cover crop with 8 different species planted. A crop tour was held, producers were very excited about this new nutrient management practice. Producers are using cover crops for summer grazing for cattle.
- 1451 acres of crop ground were treated with lime to neutralize acidic soil.

Reduce Soil Erosion Accomplishments

- The CIG Grant funds from NRCS was completed in August. A total of 408 acres of cover crops were seeded some by ground application and some with airplane application. Cover crops reduce nitrogen leaching into groundwater. Cover crops, like no-till seeding, are one more tool we can use to strengthen the foundation blocks of soil health.

LEWIS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

EDUCATION and INFORMATIONAL

The District had a Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment Grant
Sponsoring the conservation education among youth

6th Grade Field Day - May 15, 2015

Over 110 students participating from 5 local schools,
local volunteers and teachers

Worm Races May 2015

55 students participating from 2 schools

Poster Contest

33 student participating from 2 local schools. One of
posters competed at the state level.

Hatchery in the Classroom

60 students participating from 4 local schools
monitoring steelhead eggs until releasing the fish into
Lawyer Creek. May 21, 2015



DISTRICT OPERATIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Met with Lewis County Commissioners to discuss funding
- Organized and hosted grower meetings addressing Soil Health Practices
- Crop tours organized and attended
- Continue to partner with NRCS, ISWCC, local Cities, Department of Lands and Nez Perce Tribe
- Distribute newsletters to 230 residents
- Display set up at the Lewis County Fair
- Fund a 4-H small animal trophy
- Legislative Display at the State Capitol



Future Projects

Grants in progress:

- 319 Lewis County Soil Health BMP Implementations was presented to the Basin Advisory Group. Practices which were focused on included: Precision Agriculture, Integrated Pest Management, Cover crops.
- Partnering with districts within Division II and Idaho Department of Lands for a grant to help with fire recovery.
- Partnering with University of Idaho, Okanogan Conservation District and Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation in a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) proposal to help farmers improve soil health.
- LSCD will be hosting a Soil Health Workshop February 9, 2016 for the 3rd year, along with Idaho SWCD and Clearwater SWCD. More and more producers are planning to seed cover crops to help reduce soil erosion.

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**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Lewis Soil Conservation
District

FOR YEAR:
2015

DUE :
December 20, 2015

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

Eric Hasselstrom

Board Supervisor Signature

ERIC Hasselstrom

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