

Wood River RC&D

RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
& DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships Serving America's Communities

2010 Year-End Summary Newsletter



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"Our mission is to marshal the resources of the Wood River RC&D Council and to collaborate with other organizations, partners, and individuals to enhance people's lives and the environment in Blaine, Camas, Gooding, and Lincoln Counties, Idaho by following our Annual Plan of Work & our Five Year Area Plan."



Gooding City Clean-Up!

The first annual Gooding City Wide Clean-Up took place on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010. Neighbors came together to help neighbors who were physically unable to do the work themselves. Overall 48 people volunteered for a total of 573 hours.

Making Things Happen!

The Wood River RC&D Council works with local communities through our sponsors to develop and expand economic opportunities from our natural resources. The Wood River RC&D Council is actively engaged and involved in meeting America's need for renewable energy, as well as stimulating job creation and business retention in rural communities.



Arbor Day Celebration!

The Gooding City's Tree Committee made three presentations to the City Council, did a tree inventory and held its first Arbor Day Celebration. Two trees were planted along with grass and shrubs. Gerry Bates (second from the right) is the Wood River RC&D's Urban Forester.



Outreach Events!

Wood River RC&D participated in 14 workshops, one tour, two seminars, and seven outreach events. These events included Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln county fairs; Thousand Springs Festival; the Idaho Weed Conference and the Wood River RC&D's Tour & Steak Fry held at the Richfield City Park.

Summary of 2010 Goals!

- 6,890 Earth Team Hours
- 8 business created, 4 expanded & 23 retained,
- 12 farm jobs created & 13 jobs retained,
- 1 non-farm & 30 seasonal non-farm jobs created,
- Leveraged 5.4 to 1 Federal Spending (\$673,200 leveraged).

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“ We came to the Wood River RC&D Council not knowing what to expect. We were seeking assistance to help address various community problems. For example, some residences within our community were in need of cleanup where the owners were physically unable to do it. The Wood River RC&D Council stepped up to the plate to help make this project a huge success! They are true community builders!”

Linda Cheney
Gooding City Volunteers

Working Together



- Northside Transportation Committee,
- MACC Committee (Mayors, Administrators & City Council Members),
- Beaver Committee,
- Tri-County CWMA,
- Nehr Preserve Workday,
- Fire Mitigation Working Groups,
- Agricultural Energy Workshop.

Grants

- Idaho's Bounty Cooperative – received \$31,000 USDA, RBS grant to purchase a truck and freezer unit.
- \$15,000 USDA, RBEG grant to hire a grant writer.
- Awarded 3 USDA Value Added Agricultural Producer's grants for local agricultural producers for a total of \$198,852.
- \$10,000 grant to hire EnSave to do agricultural energy evaluations.
- \$47,160 in ISDA grants for weed eradication.
- \$55,000 in IDL fuels reduction grants.
- Lincoln County Veteran's Memorial - \$1,500 Idaho Community Foundation grant.



South Fork of the Boise River Fuels Reduction Plan –

This project reduced 25 acres of hazardous fuels on private property in Camas County.

Southern Idaho Bio-Control –

Expanded from four to six county wide teams (Student Bug Crews) with six units of invasive weed species managed. Partners include BLM, USFS, SCDs, county weed districts (CWMAs) and local schools.

Local Sponsors



Counties: Blaine, Camas, Gooding & Lincoln.

Cities: Bliss, Ketchum, Bellevue, Shoshone, Gooding, Hagerman, Hailey, Carey, Dietrich, Sun Valley, Wendell & Fairfield;

Soil Conservation Districts: Blaine Soil Conservation District, Camas Soil Conservation District, Gooding Soil Conservation District & Wood River Soil & Water Conservation District; and

Cooperative Weed Management Areas: Camas Creek & Tri-County (Gooding, Jerome & Lincoln Co.) CWMAs.

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