



REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
Fiscal Year 2007

**Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District**

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County / Counties Served: Nez Perce  
Legislative District(s): 7

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**Conservation District Function or Mission Statement**

Provide progressive leadership to coordinate technical and financial resources in the implementation of programs to enhance plants, animals, and aquatic life, while supporting conservation communities, and the wise use and protection of air, water, soil, and their related ecosystems.

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**Most Significant Natural Resource Improvement, Project, or Accomplishment**

Expansion and diversification of District activities which increased resource protection and strengthened working relationships with partners and local governments. These activities included: wetland mitigation, urban planning, fish habitat restoration, agricultural land conservation and water quality protection.

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**Priority # 1 Animal Feeding Operation Management Accomplishments**

- Coordinated with the Division II Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts to apply for EPA-319 funds to install BMPs on livestock feeding operations in order to meet identified TMDL pollutant loading requirements.
- Completed six animal feeding operation improvement projects.

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**Priority # 2 Watershed Assessment and Planning Accomplishments**

- Collected, analyzed, and compiled stream temperature data for Big Canyon, Lapwai, Cottonwood, Catholic, Hatwai, Lindsay, Tammany, Jacks, and Bedrock Creeks. Collected and analyzed Soil Quality data on 20 sites within the Lapwai and Cow Creek drainages.
- Coordinated meetings and administrative functions for the Cow Creek, Lindsay, and Tammany Creek Watershed Advisory Groups to assist in meeting TMDL obligations within those drainages.
- Reduced sediment delivery to the Clearwater and Snake Rivers through the protection of over 8,000 acres of cropland from excessive erosion.
- Participated in the development of the Lindsay Creek TMDL.

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**Priority #3 Natural Resource Inventory and Monitoring Accomplishments**

- Completed 6,300 acres of conservation plans on non-irrigated cropland.
- Developed 5,500 acres of conservation plans on grazed rangelands.
- Inventoried and developed conservation plans for 20 acres of native prairie grasslands.
- Assisted landowners in the conservation, restoration and enhancement of forestlands through the development of 200 acres of conservation plans on forestlands.
- Protected 140 acres of ponderosa pine communities through tree plantings.
- Completed stream inventory on 400 miles within the Lapwai and Big Canyon watersheds.
- Improved, protected, and restored 2.0 acres of wetlands.
- Controlled 5 acres of hybrid knotweed within the Lapwai Creek watershed.
- Released yellow starthistle and spotted knapweed biocontrol agents at 22 sites within the District.
- Improved 3,400 acres of cropland with nutrient management plans.
- Certified 800 cropland acres as meeting the carbon sequestration requirements of the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association.



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**District Operations Accomplishments**

- Revised Idaho Department of Fish and Game Memorandum of Understanding.
- Completed District Business Operations Policy.
- Completed District Records Guide to identify records system and records retention schedule.
- Revised Idaho Department of Corrections Memorandum of Understanding and agreement for services.
- Coordinated with Nez Perce County, Nez Perce Tribe, Latah Soil and Water Conservation District, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service for the implementation of projects and sharing of resources.

**District Information and Education Accomplishments**

- Participated in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Calf Camp through teaching water and soil conservation class and providing 300 trees for student planting.
- Participated in the University of Idaho Agricultural Policy Class through teaching conservation policy and planning at an outdoor education camp.
- Distributed newsletters to 2,000 land owners.
- Coordinated with Nez Perce Tribe BioControl Center to complete Dalmation Toadflax biocontrol workshop.
- Coordinated volunteers for Tom Beall Fire Restoration Project completion.
- Completed Environmental Awareness Days program reaching over 500 6<sup>th</sup> graders within the District.
- Participated in the Nez Perce County Fair – providing resource information to over 10,000 fair attendees.

Synopsis of financial assistance coordinated for constituents with District Conservation Partners to plan, design, and implemented Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable resources.

Funding Source	Purpose / Benefit	Funding Amount	Match Value <sup>1</sup>
Nez Perce County	District Operations	22,753	<sup>2</sup> 5,000
State of Idaho (base funding)	District Operations	5,000	
State of Idaho (2 to 1 match county/city funds)	District Operations	21,819	<sup>3</sup> 22,753
District's Elected Officials (in-kind time)	District Operations		<sup>4</sup> 12,000
Water Quality Program for Agriculture	Non-point Source Pollution	12,949	6,300
Bonneville Power Administration	Steelhead Habitat Improvement	279,283	200,000
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	EPA-319	55,937	
Idaho Association of Conservation Districts	EPA-319	34,361	
Idaho Department of Fish and Game	Habitat Improvement Program	6,000	
Idaho Department of Transportation	Wetland Mitigation	2,924	

**Conservation District's Elected Officials**

Title	Name	E-mail and/or Phone Number
Chair	John Hermann	208-746-9886 x101
Vice-chair	Lisa Swanson	208-746-9886 x101
Treasurer	Kyle Wilson	208-746-9886 x101
Member	Steve Becker	208-746-9886 x101
Member	Tracy Hill	208-746-9886 x101
Member	Dale Nichols	208-746-9886 x101
Member	Todd Wittman	208-746-9886 x101

<sup>1</sup> Includes actual dollars, time, equipment, labor, and materials

<sup>2</sup> State Match

<sup>3</sup> County Match

<sup>4</sup> Value of Elected Official's time