

Lower Boise River TMDL Project

Agricultural BMPs for Water Quality Improvement

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Lower Boise Watershed Council
383-6355

Canyon Soil Conservation District
454-8684

Idaho Soil Conservation Commission
332-8654

Program Overview

The Lower Boise River TMDL Program (LBRP) for sediment and nutrient management is a program that provides financial incentives to owner and operators of agricultural lands to apply conservation practices that protect and enhance water quality. The Lower Boise Watershed Council (LBWC) and the Canyon Soil Conservation District (CSCD) are the project sponsors of the LBRP. The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission (ISCC) is providing technical support. This program was initiated to address agricultural impacts to water quality by reducing sediment, bacteria, and nutrient levels in tributaries of the lower Boise River located within Canyon County, such as: Hartley Gulch, Lower Indian Creek, Mason Creek, Conway Gulch, and Dixie Slough.

The LBRP provides cost share funds ranging from 60% to 90%, depending on the project, for operators to install Best Management Practices (BMP's) that improve water quality. Participation in the program is voluntary and offers opportunities to improve agricultural practices that benefit both operators and water quality.

Typical BMPs

- Sediment basins/Ponds
- Filter Strips
- Polyacrylamide (PAM) application
- Wetland
- Irrigation System Improvements
- Irrigation water management
- Nutrient management



Application Process

****Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis from 2009-2011 based on availability of funds.****

1. Complete the application form on the back of this flyer and return it to the LBWC.
2. After your application has been received, an ISCC Water Quality Resource Conservationist will contact you to discuss the details of the LBRP and ensure that project meets the program requirements.
3. Accepted applications will be reviewed and priority ranked based on expected conservation practice benefits.
4. If your project receives a high enough ranking, ISCC Water Quality Resource Conservationist will help you develop a conservation plan that includes recommended BMP's with cost share amounts. Engineering assistance will be available as needed.
5. Depending on availability of funds and technical assistance, approved projects may be installed without a waiting period.



Contact the ISCC (Lance Holloway, 332-8654) or the LBWC (Sherrill Doran, 383-6355) with any questions.

Application For Participation

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Please return to the LBWC Office

Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Description of & location farm/ranch:

What Best Management Practices are you considering:

How is the farm/ranch being operated and controlled: landowner, terms, lease, or other .

I understand that this application does not obligate me to enter into a contract under the LBRP project.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return address

Lower Boise Watershed Council
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