The OnePlan Conservation Planner

“A user-friendly tool for farmers and ranchers”

The OnePlan Conservation Planner offers farmers and ranchers a centralized location to develop their own conservation plans. The program, easily accessed on the Internet via personal computer, clearly defines agency requirements and provides best management practice recommendations for achieving TMDLs, enhancing wildlife habitat and reducing soil erosion.

- Over 800 farmers and ranchers are now using various OnePlan modules.
- A Congressional earmark initiated development.
- Partnership created OnePlan—Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Environmental Protection Agency, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, University of Idaho and others.

The OnePlan Conservation Planner:

- Offers producers a privacy-protected website to meet their conservation planning needs.
- Available to producers in the Fifteen Mile Creek sub-watershed, Ada and Canyon counties, and unrolling statewide Summer 2004.
- Projected to streamline planning time by 20 percent, allowing field office personnel more time to work one-on-one with farmers and ranchers.
- Only tool nationwide using integrated geospatial technology.
- Acquired from Idaho by NRCS for use in the new Conservation Security Program.
- Includes the complimentary OnePlan Nutrient Management Planner. The Integrated Pest Management Planner and the Range Management Planner are in development.

The OnePlan Nutrient Management Planner is the only recognized tool for preparing nutrient management plans in Idaho:

- In 2001, the livestock industry completed 864 dairy nutrient management plans to meet state laws and continue milk production, averting an estimated $8.4 million economic loss in the first 45 days alone.
- The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) continues to use the tool to monitor and review agricultural waste systems, ensuring zero bio-nutrient discharge from dairy farms.
- ISDA is using the program to develop Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans to meet Beef Cattle Environmental Control Act requirements by January 1, 2005.