

Blaine Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Blaine Soil Conservation District was organized in 1954 to provide voluntary land conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners. From its beginning, the District has strongly supported snow survey and plant materials programs and has helped install, maintain and measure 16 snow courses that affect local rivers and streams.

Mission (or Function):

- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.
- Establish and support efforts of effective natural resource conservation in Blaine County.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Worked on multiple projects involving wildlife migration studies, wildlife habitat conservation, stream bank restoration, grassland protection, and conservation easement.
- Provided snow surveys, snow water equivalent levels, water forecasts and water level reports to the irrigation districts.
- Provided soil, plant and feed testing for analysis services.
- Worked with NRCS on the Sage Grouse Initiatives and EQIP programs.
- Worked with many partners to educate landowners on urban water use, weed control, native and drought tolerant plant species, and landscaping grants.



Gravity Feed Irrigation System

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to cooperate with federal, state, local and private organizations to promote the conservation and wise use of natural resources.
- Continue to plan and seek funding for the restoration of Fish Creek Reservoir.
- Work on bringing Agriculture and FFA back into Blaine County Schools.
- Implement a measuring device for ground water.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	27,200
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>37,213</u>
	\$	73,913

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