

# Bruneau River Soil Conservation District

## Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District was organized in 1953 and identified their priorities as drainage investigations, developing and irrigating new land for agriculture and performing soil surveys and water table studies. The long-range resource conservation program places high priority on irrigation water management, rangeland management, animal waste management and protection of wildlife habitat.

### Mission (or Function):

- To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus on coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

### FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Worked cooperatively with BLM to spray in wilderness areas with pack animals while also working with Shoshone & Paiute tribes with the spraying of 2,500 acres of noxious weeds. A total of 4,500 acres were sprayed this year.
- Partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service and landowners to control the invasive species Hydrilla in the Bruneau River.
- Partnered with landowners and DEQ to implement Nutrient Management BMPs on 8,000 acres of irrigated cropland within the Bruneau and Grand View Nitrate Priority Areas.
- Conducted a total of 4,102 boat inspections to check for Quagga Mussels.
- Provided technical and financial assistance to cooperators through grants and other funding sources to develop and implement BMP's to conserve renewable natural resources.



### Future Plans and Projects:

- Provide Range Conservationist expertise to assist ranchers in their rangeland management activities.
- Educate ranchers on rangeland and riparian Best Management Practices.
- Reduce erosion and other pollutants leaving fields and entering waterways.
- Reduce the use of hot water irrigation to maintain the hot water aquifer for the Bruneau Hot Spring Snail population.
- Control noxious weeds.

### FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	2,900
State Match	\$	<u>3,967</u>
	\$	15,367

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