

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Butte Soil and Water Conservation District was organized by the citizens of Butte County, Idaho in 1953 to offer technical assistance to farmers and ranchers in water use and conservation, land leveling, soil fertility, crop rotation, introduction of new crops, use of windbreaks and range management.

- Continue the Quaking Aspen Project with drilling and placing pipeline.
- Continue sponsoring and hosting educational and outreach programs for the youth and adults in the community.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources in the District.
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.



1,500 gallon trough installed

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Started the Quaking Aspen Pipeline project. This project will water 1,156 head of cattle with three deep wells drilled to supply 32,615 gallons of water per day to the 42 miles of pipeline. Along the route, 96 troughs will be placed at 24 locations.
- Secured 12 Sage Grouse Grassland Reserve Program contracts on approximately 15,000 acres of prime sage grouse habitat. Permanent easements are being obtained on these acres and are worth \$5.5 million to the land owners.
- Landowners have installed \$90,000 of sage grouse enhancement projects on 700 acres of prime sage grouse habitat.
- Through cooperation with Lost River Electric Coop and High Country RC&D, 4 farm energy audits were conducted and 12 projects completed.
- In conjunction with partners, held a Natural Resources Day at the elementary school.



Sage Grouse enhancement

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	9,017
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>12,336</u>
	\$	30,853

Future Plans and Projects:

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District Documents

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