

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide voluntary land water conservation, technical and financial assistance to landowners and users. They have assisted cooperators in classifying rangeland, proper fertilization methods, residue management, woodland management and irrigation practices.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources
- 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.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Administered Lake Assist and Pend Oreille Basin Commission joint projects, focusing on marina spill prevention education and lake level management plan.
- Inspected 9,095 boats for aquatic invasive species, hot washed 8 boats found to be carrying milfoil, sold \$48,930 in stickers which went to the Idaho Parks and Recreation.
- Collaborated with local agencies to present a class for realtors covering natural resource conservation issues.
- Co-sponsored Idaho State Forestry Contest, with 421 students from 18 schools competing in forestry-related skills.
- Sponsored Pend Oreille Water Festival, providing water quality education to 400 Bonner County 5th graders.
- Taught 10 classes of 2nd & 3rd graders at the Waterlife Discovery Center.
- Participated and sponsored multiple outreach and educational programs throughout the County.

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- Received 2 DEQ Source Water Protection grants which provided funds for outreach and educational programs.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Contribute 10,000 willows to the Clark Fork Delta Restoration project.
- Organize a tour of Pack River Watershed restoration projects.
- Continue to work with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects in the County.



Eagle Scouts planting native species along the Pend Oreille Bay Trail.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 19,197
County Funding	\$ 7,000
Federal Grant Funds	\$ 72,935
State Grant Funds	\$ 280,825
Private Funds	\$ 34,103
Total	\$ 414,060

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