

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.

- In conjunction with partners, held a 6th Grade Natural Resources Day at the elementary school.

Future Plans and Projects:

- 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.



Envirothon team members help at the Butte Community Garden.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Worked with NRCS and landowners to address threats to sage grouse through implementation of voluntary, cooperative conservation practices. Landowners are receiving technical and financial assistance to implement management and structural practices through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.
- Conducted educational program in which 295 Arco and Mackay elementary students made edible soil profiles to learn about the “Mysteries in the Soil”.
- Coordinated sponsorship for 9 students to attend the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.
- Sponsored 2 teams to the Idaho State Envirothon.
- Through cooperation with Lost River Electric Coop and High Country RC&D, 4 farm energy audits were conducted and 12 projects completed.



6th grade students participating in the Natural Resources Day event.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funds	\$ 24,707
Local Gov't. Funds	\$ 8,278
Donations & Sales	\$ 3,500
RC&D Ag Energy Funds	\$ 4,727
Weed Program Administration	\$ 1,229
Total	\$ 42,441

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