

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Custer Soil and Water Conservation District was established in June of 1953. Through the years, the District has sponsored many trial seedings of new and improved grasses furnished by the Soil Conservation Service's Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho.

Mission (or Function):

- Provide action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with the emphasis on soil and water.
- Have productive and sustainable natural resources in harmony with elevated land stewardship ethics.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Completed installation of gravity pipeline, stock-water and fencing on Sulphur Creek.
- Planning and environmental consultation for an additional project to be installed in 2015 in Pahsimeroi.
- Installed a well for the City of Challis to transition from surface water to ground water for the City water supply.
- Removed the City of Challis diversion and upstream irrigation diversion and consolidated them into one fish-friendly diversion structure and head-gate.
- Removed passage barriers and increased flows in Sulphur Creek and garden Creek.
- Educational booth at the County Fair
- Sponsored two participants in speech contest.
- Engaged Challis FFA and Envirothon students in conservation projects to increase their awareness of natural resource issues.



Garden Creek before removal of passage barrier,



and after.

Future Plans and Projects:

- A large irrigation diversion removal and ditch closure that will provide for a full reconnect of the Pahsimeroi and Sulphur Creeks. An additional diversion removal and pipeline installation will improve retention on Pahsimeroi River.
- Continued efforts will be made to address energy conservation within the agricultural sector in cooperation with the Salmon River Electric Cooperative.

FY 2014 District Funding:

Federal Grants	\$ 1,062,256
State Funding	\$ 15,325
County Funding	\$ 4,000
Local Funding	\$ 9,190
Energy Conservation	\$ 6,994
Landowner match	\$ 145,000
Total	\$ 1,242,765

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District Documents

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