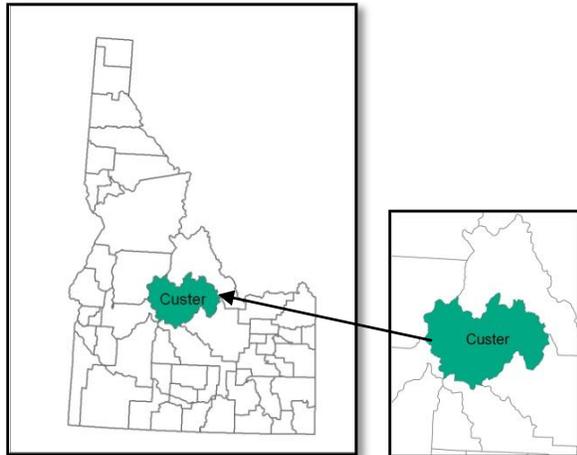


# Custer

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday

## Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Water Quantity
3. Endangered Species Act Mandates
4. Urban Development
5. Recreation use impacts

## 2013-14 Revenues

Federal Grants to Custer SWCD	\$ 1,062,256
State Funding - SWC	\$ 15,325
County Funding	\$ 4,000
Local Funding	\$ 9,190
Energy Conservation	\$ 6,994
<b>Total District Administered Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,097,765</b>
NRCS	\$ 252,030
Landowner Match	\$ 145,000
<b>Total Conservation Funding</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,795</b>

## Recent Projects

### Anadromous Fisheries Projects:

- Completed installation of a 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 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 into one fish friendly diversion structure and head-gate.



Removed a passage barrier in Garden Creek "before and after".

- *Results: Removed three passage barriers and increased flows in Sulphur Creek by 2.5 cfs and Garden Creek by 1.58 cfs.*



## Educational Programs



**Annual 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tour that including a visit to the Parkinson Seed Farm. Students seen here picking potatoes that they were able to take home.**

- Sponsored two participants in the speech contest for Division VI winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and sending one of our contestants to State where Dale Parkinson won first place.
- Sponsored the poster contest for 45 students.
- Held an annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade tour reaching approximately 27 students. Including a tour of a seed potato and grain farm to increase student's knowledge about agriculture.
- Sponsored three teams to the state Envirothon.
- Co sponsored Ag Week (250 students)
- Sponsored Natural Resource Day (220 students)
- Challis Fishing Derby - community support.
- Educational booth at County Fair.
- Legislative Display at the State Capitol.
- Sponsored IASCD Division Meeting and tour.
- Published newsletter twice this year reaching an additional 50 cooperators.
- Held District elections resulting in a new district supervisor elected to the board.
- Engaged Challis FFA and Envirothon students in conservation projects to increase their awareness of natural resource issues.

*Providing action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with an emphasis on soil and water.*

## Future Projects

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District continues to focus on the statutory requirement in their annual and 5-Year Plan. Water Quality and Water Quantity are the top resource concern in addition to the Endangered Species Act implications. The District has secured approximately 2.5 million dollars in funding for next year to install "on the ground fish" recovery projects. This includes ongoing plans for one large irrigation diversion removal and ditch closure that will provide for a full reconnect of the Pahsimeroi and Sulphur Creek. An additional diversion removal and pipeline will be installed to allow retention of approximately 10-15 cfs in the Pahsimeroi River.

Pole Creek near Stanley will also be a part of the Custer SWCD's workload for the next two years with the goal of maintaining 17 cfs in stream while keeping the landowners whole.

Continued efforts will be made to address Energy Conservation within Agriculture sector in cooperation with the Salmon River Electric Cooperative. This could reduce electrical costs for the water users while helping BPA address kilowatt reduction.

Funding from various none traditional sources are needed to retain the current "action" level. This includes but is not limited to the Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration and Office of Species Conservation (PCSRF).

An active information, education and outreach program will continue to be a focus of the Custer SWCD.

### **Board of Supervisors & Staff**

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Karma Bragg, Office/Project Manager

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Custer Soil and Water  
Conservation District

**FOR YEAR:**  
FY 2013/2014

**DUE :**  
December 20, 2014

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

*Ben O'Neal*

Board Supervisor Signature

**Ben O'Neal**

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11/20/2014

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