

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 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.

Mission

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.

Location

All of Butte County and a portion of Custer County within the Big Lost River watershed.

Legislative District 35

FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Coordinated the installation of 2 new LESA irrigation systems, and the retrofit of 18 other systems. These low pressure systems reduce energy and water use and are particularly effective during periods of high temperature, high winds, and low humidity. |
- More than 60 6th-grade students attended the Natural Resource Workshop, organized by the District in partnership with the USFS, BLM, NRCS, and the Lost River Coordinated Weed Management Group.
- Sponsored the South Custer team at the Idaho Envirothon.

FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Over 60 students from Mackay and Arco elementary schools participated in Stewardship Week and the 6th grade Annual Poster Contest.
- Sponsored Jennifer Schaefer to compete at the IASCD Division VI Speech Contest. Ms. Schaefer won first place and went on to place third at the State IASCD contest.



Natural Resource Workshop

Future Plans and Projects

- Promote the conservation of water and soil resources by coordination the installation of LESA systems where appropriate.
- Continue to sponsor and conduct educational opportunities for the public.

FY 2018 Funds

State	\$ 24,129.24
Local Governments	\$ 9,481.00
Donations and Sales	\$ 7,325.00
Weed Program	\$ 1,030.00
USDA/NRCS	\$ 1,439,352
Total	\$ 1,481,380.24

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