

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.

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.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Cooperated with NRCS to improve residual grass cover, plant diversity and vigor, and long term range health in potential sage grouse breeding, nesting and winter habitat.
- Purchased a no-till drill which has been rented out to local growers.
- Sponsored an Applicator Re-Certification and Soil Health Workshop in January, 2015. Subjects included understanding and managing soil health, noxious weed identification, and the good, the bad and the ugly facts related to how herbicide residues in soils affect insects, earthworms and other organisms in the soil.
- Students from Arco and Mackay schools participated in District-sponsored poster and speech contests. Students from the District placed second and fourth at the Division 6 speech competition. The winning District poster entered placed first in the Division 6 competition, and went on to place third in the state competition!
- Sponsored three student scholarships to the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum.

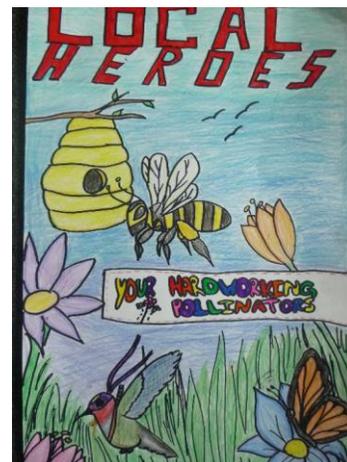
- In conjunction with partners, held a 6th Grade Natural Resources Day for students at Butte Middle School and Mackay Elementary School.
- Sponsored teams from Butte and Mackay to the Idaho State Envirothon. Mackay placed 4th!

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue sponsoring and hosting educational and outreach programs for the youth and adults in the community.



Soil Health Workshop



Poster contest winner

FY 2015 District Funding:

State	\$15,103
Local	\$8,525
Donations and Sales	\$1,700
RC&D Energy Funds	\$1,300
Weed Program Administration	\$1,300
Total	\$27,928

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