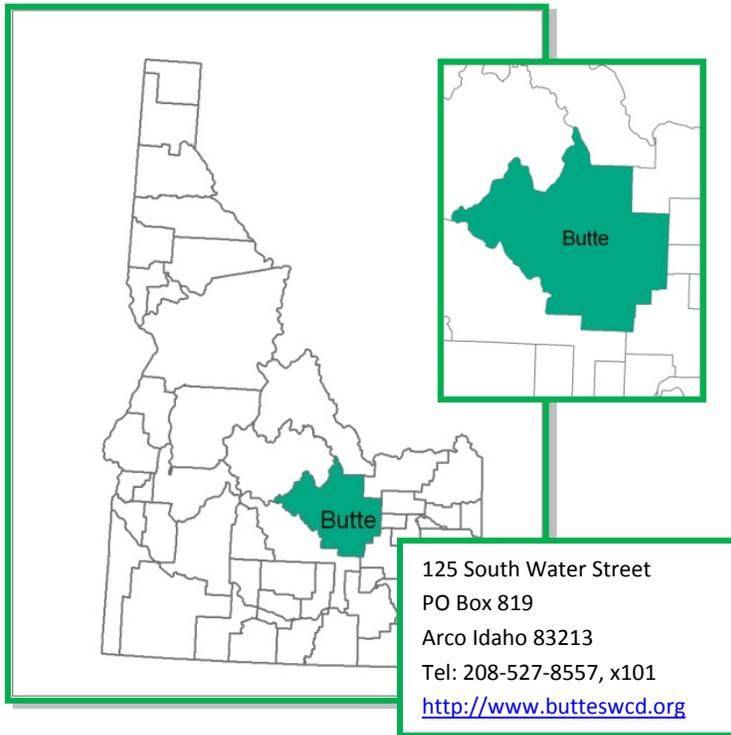


Butte Soil and Water Conservation District - January 2015 – December 2015



Natural Resource Concerns

- Water Quality and Water Resources (quantity)
- Cropland and Pasture (irrigated and non-irrigated)
- Animal Waste Management and Riparian
- Information and Education

Board of Supervisors & Staff

- Randy Purser Chairman
- Walt Johnson Vice-Chairman
- Todd Perkes Sec/Treasurer
- Jeff Isham Member
- Mark Telford Member
- Frances Perkes Administration Assistant
- Mindy Hawley Program Coordinator

January 2015 – December 2015 Funding

Local Units of Government -----	\$ 8,525.61
State of Idaho -----	\$ 12,303.77
Capacity Building Grant -----	\$ 800.00
District Operations Funding -----	\$ 2,000.00
Donations and Sales -----	\$ 1,700.00
Estimated Value of Volunteer Time --	\$ 9,000.00
Weed Program Administration -----	\$ 1,300.00
USDA NRCS Farm Bill Programs-----	\$806,294.00

Stock water project



Sage Grouse Initiative

Butte County seems to be a center of activity for the NRCS' Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI), which seeks to address threats to the greater sage grouse through voluntary, cooperative conservation practices implemented by agricultural producers.

Butte Soil & Water Conservation District has accepted three more applications that were approved and were implemented this fall. Two of the projects are located in the Arco Pass area and another two projects west of Arco. The projects involve prescribed grazing to improve residual grass cover, plant diversity and vigor and long term range health in potential breeding, nesting and winter habitat. Structural practices such as fence, pipeline and watering facilities are included in the conservation plan to facilitate the implementation of prescribed grazing property. This includes installing fence markers along the new cross-fence and existing fence near a lek and installing wildlife escape ramps in all livestock watering facilities.

The Arco Pass implemented projects consisted of 22,889 ft. HDPE pipe that distributes drinking water across 2,698 acres of privately owned grazing lands. Seven 1,500 gallon troughs were installed and are supplied by two different springs that are located on private property. The projects will water approximately 400 pairs.

The project west of Arco served approximately 3,500 acres supplied by two livestock wells pumping from 400 and 600 feet. The livestock pipeline is 9,063 feet HDPE pipe and supplies four 1,500 gallon troughs. This project waters 250 pairs.



Educational Programs

- Students from Arco and Mackay elementary participated in Stewardship Week “Local Heroes, Your Hardworking Pollinators”.



- 6th grade posters contest



Pressley Ray placed 1st in Division VI and 3rd in the Idaho State competition.



- Three students attended the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum, Idaho on scholarships coordinated by Butte SWCD.

- Natural Resources Workshop



Over sixty 6th grade students from both Butte Middle School and Mackay Elementary attended presentations by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Lost River Coordinated Weed Management Group, Idaho Fish and Game and Natural Resources Conservation Services.

- Sponsored teams to the Idaho State Envirothon from Butte and Mackay High Schools. Mackay placed 4th.
- Division VI Speech Contest



Danielle Harwood placed 2nd and Amberly Savage placed 4th in the Division VI “Pollinators and Their Importance to You” speech contest.

- Thank you to SWC for the Capacity Building funds that BSWCD used to help sponsor this activity.

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Butte SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2015

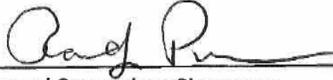
DUE :

December 20, 2015

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.



Board Supervisor Signature

Randy Purser

Printed Name

12-29-15
Date

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