Butte SWCD Performance Report: January – December 2022

The Butte SWCD was founded in 1953 with the goal of "setting high standards for conservation and making wise-use of our natural resources". This is still the goal of the Butte SWCD today.

The District covers all of **Butte County** and the Southern portion of **Custer County**. This area encompasses the cities of Arco, Butte City, Howe, Mackay and Moore.

Legislative Districts: 8 and 30



FY2022 Accomplishments

 The Butte SWCD received a fifth year of NACD/NRCS Technical Assistance



Conservation Tour

• Educational outreach activities included sponsoring an Envirothon team, sponsoring youth to attend Natural Resources Camp,

Grant funding

conducted the annual 6th grade Natural Resources Tour, provided outreach information and educational activities at county fairs, held a speech contest at the District level, participated in Ag Days at Mackay School, and held a conservation tour near Howe

 Hosted a local work group meeting to provide the NRCS with direction for utilizing funding in 2023. The meeting was attended by 30 landowners and conservation partners

The District
received several
grants to conduct
forest education
events, purchase
equipment for the
local farmer's
market, help
purchase fish



6th Grade Natural Resources Tour

screens for an irrigation system. A WQPA award was also received to improve water quality and quantity on a farm near Moore



- District Board receiving grant award
- Rented the notill drill for use on 650 acres
- Provided an educational scholarship for a District employee to

take classes needed for NRCS employment

FY2022 Funding:

Source	Amount
State	\$34,203.52
Counties	\$10,670.80
Grants	\$54,750.00
Contract Services	\$5,592.90
No-till drill rent	\$7,896.00
Stockmanship manual	\$92.00
sales	
NRCS cost-share	\$1,918,328.64
funding	
Water Quality Program	\$335,177.00
for Agriculture (WQPA)	
TOTAL	\$2,366,710.86

A **special thanks** for the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission for providing Capacity Building funds to help sponsor District activities and workshops

FY2022 NRCS Contract Load

The NRCS obtained **45** new contracts, benefiting **15,811** acres and provided **\$1.9** million financial assistance for landowners. Contracts were obtained in the general EQIP, general CSP, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program-EQIP programs.



Local working group public meeting



Speech Contest Winners



Natural Resource Camp campers



TA Grant Employee Sara Zollinger



Educational County Fair Display



NRCS funded irrigation ditch to pipeline conversion project

Future Goals and Plans:

- Promote landowner participation in NRCS' programs to increase conservation practices in the District
- Actively drive wise conservation decisions in the District
- Conduct educational outreach activities for youth and adults
- Support irrigation efficiency conservation practices
- Promote conservation of wildlife habitat
- Promote invasive weed removal programs provided through NRCS and partner programs
- Enhance relationships with partner agencies to promote natural resource conservation
- Follow the annual plan of work developed by the District



NRCS Beaver Dam Analog Installation



Forest Education Grant Activity



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PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Butte	
FOR YEAR:	
2022	
DUE:	

December **20**, 2022

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

11/14/22

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