

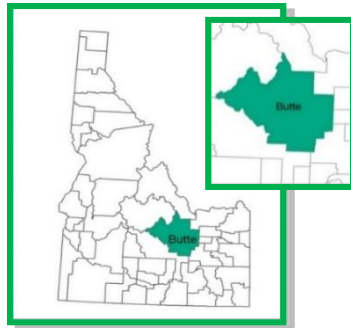
Butte Soil & Water Conservation District

Performance Report: January – December 2024

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



FY2024 Accomplishments

- The Butte SWCD utilized a **NACD/NRCS Technical Assistance Grant** to provide an employee for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Conservation Tour

- Educational outreach activities** included sponsoring youth to attend

Natural Resources Camp, 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, and held a conservation tour near Moore.

- Hosted a **local work group meeting** to provide the NRCS with direction for utilizing funding in 2025. The meeting was attended by landowners and conservation partners.
- The District **received several grants**. A grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (will provide cost-share to landowners retrofitting fences to wildlife friendly specifications), a grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for urban gardeners, and two Regional Conservation Partnership Program grants total over \$6 million for irrigation canal to pipeline conversions.
- A **WQPA award** was also received to replace an irrigation inlet structure off of the Big Lost River.
- Rented the no-till drill** for use on 365 acres.
- Established a Junior Board** as an outreach and recruitment tool. The High School and College age youth completed service projects and learned about board service.



Natural Resource Camp Scholarship Recipients

FY2024 Funding:

Source	Amount
State	\$38,270.83
Counties	\$13,650.00
Grants	\$77,438.64
Contract Services	\$4,050.00
No-till drill rent	\$4,380.00
Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA)	\$31,991.70
TOTAL	\$168,797.17

District Activity Photos



Educational public meeting



Speech contest winner



NRCS funded irrigation improvements



Pipeline installed with District grant



Arbor Day Activity



High School Scholarship Winners



Butte SWCD nominated Chris and Jackie Flanigan of Mackay for the Idaho Grassman of the Year Award



District sponsored Envirothon Team



Accepting urban gardener grant award

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 Supervisors

Board of Supervisors	
Randy Purser.....	Chairman
Walt Johnson.....	Vice-Chairman
Todd Perkes.....	Treasurer
Mark Telford.....	Member
Hayden Isham.....	Member

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

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Butte

FOR YEAR:

2024

DUE :

December 20, 2024

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

11/21/2024

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