

Butte Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report 2025

"Setting high standards for conservation and
making wise-use of our natural resources."

Established 1953



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Office Location:

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GRANTS

RCPP-Burnett: Converted 11 miles of open irrigation ditch to a closed pipe system and automation of in-let structure via land management activities to address source water depletion in the Burnett Ditch system.

WQPA 2024: Installed inlet structure to support new pipeline going into the Darlington Ditch.

NACD TA Grant: Provided money to hire 3 employees to assist NRCS. The first employee was an engineer who helped with design and planning. He was hired by NRCS. Second, we hired a conservationist during the first RIF. He was hired back by NRCS. Third, we hired a recent high school graduate who is looking at becoming a conservationist.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Removed 19,074 feet of old fencing. Replaced 88,408 feet with wildlife friendly fencing.

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation: Envirothon kids purchased garden seeds, mixed them, and gave them out for their Arbor Day Project.

WQPA 2025: Improve irrigation efficiency by storing irrigation water earlier in the system and the installation of 3300 feet of pipeline. The project will reduce ground water pumping.

Public Outreach:

Winter Meeting was held in January. Irrigation water was the main topic.

Local Work Group Meeting was held in the spring and fall. Local farmers, ranchers, citizens, and partners gave NRCS direction for the upcoming year.

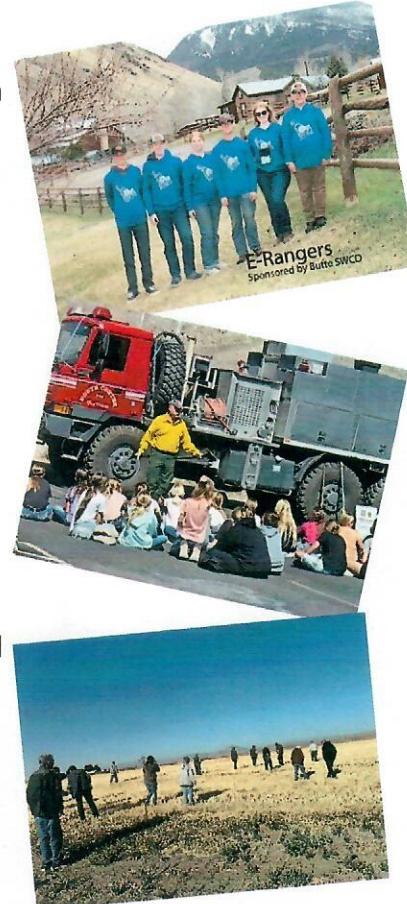
Envirothon saw five teenagers and one supervisor attending Envirothon this year.

Natural Resource Camp had 5 kids attend.

6th Grade Natural Resources Tour had forty-six 6th graders from Arco and Mackay attended.

They went through 5 stations where they learned about different topics and participated in activities.

Conservation Tour covered cover crops, new pipeline, VFD's, LESA's, and LEPA's. Twenty people attended.



District Priorities

- Maintain District Operations
- Promote Sustainable Agriculture
- Conduct Educational Outreach
- Promote Invasive Weed Removal
- Support Irrigation Efficiency
- Follow the Annual Plan of Work

Staff

Jarrie Schaefer –
Admin Assistant

Mindy Hawley –
Public Outreach

Finances

| <u>Funding</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| State | \$ 38,270.83 |
| Counties | \$ 15,298.00 |
| Grants | \$2,265,475.24 |
| Contract Services | \$ 2,000.00 |
| No-till Drill Rent | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) | \$ 71,123.00 |
| Total: | \$2,398,167.07 |

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Butte Soil and Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2025

DUE :

December 20, 2025

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.

Walt Johnson *vice CHANOW*
Board Supervisor Signature

Randy Purser Walt Johnson

Printed Name

11/24/25

Date

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