

## 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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#### 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.

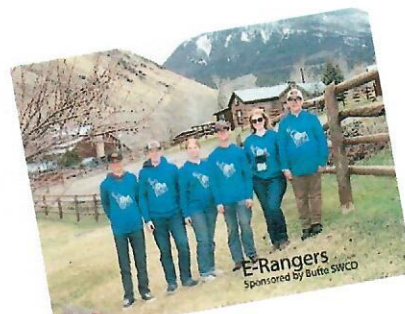
Local Work Group Meeting was held in the spring and fall. Local farmers, ranchers, citizens, and partners gave NRCS direction for the upcoming year.

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

Natural Resource Camp had 5 kids attend.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Natural Resources Tour had forty-six 6<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,398,167.07</b>



**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 Chairman  
Board Supervisor Signature

Randy Purser Walt Johnson  
Printed Name

11/24/25  
Date

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