

# Butte Soil and Water Conservation District

January 2013 – December 2013



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## Natural Resource Concerns

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

## January – December 2013 Funding

Local Units of Government -----	\$ 8,036.50
State of Idaho -----	\$21,002.22
Capacity Building Grant -----	\$ 875.00
USDA NRCS Farm Bill Programs -----	\$3,390,000.00
Estimated Value of Volunteer Time --	\$9,000.00
Fish and Wildlife -----	\$24,999.91
RC&D Ag Energy -----	\$ 8,774.87
Weed Program Administration -----	\$ 1,360.00

## Quaking Aspen Stock Water Project

The Quaking Aspen Pipeline project will water 1,186 head of cattle. Three deep wells will be drilled to supply 32,615 gallons of water per day to the 42 miles pipeline. 96 troughs will be placed at 24 locations.



Each trough holds 1,500 gallons



Three deep wells and 42 miles of pipeline

## Sage Grouse Grassland Reserve Program

Butte County has 12 Sage Grouse Grassland Reserve Program contracts on about 15,000 acres of prime sage grouse habitat. Permanent easements are being obtained on these acres and are worth about \$5.5 million dollars to the land owners.

### EQIP Sage Grouse Initiative

\$90,000 of sage grouse enhancement practices on about 700 acres of prime habitat have been installed by landowners with EQIP contracts.



## AG Energy Conservation with RC&D

Through cooperation with Lost River Electric Coop and High Country RC&D 4 farm energy audits were conducted and 12 projects were completed. The incentive practices which have been implemented resulted in \$7,030.22 savings. Unfortunately, as of September 30, 2013, the Butte SWCD is no longer assisting with this program.

## Educational Programs

- Sponsored the Poster Contest for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Mackay and Arco schools.
- Held an annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade Natural Resources Day with Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Fish and Game, Lost River Coordinated Weed Management Group and South Custer Fire District participating.



- The Stewardship Theme this year was "Where Does Your Water Shed"



- Three students attended the Natural Resources Camp in Ketchum, Idaho on scholarships coordinated by Butte SWCD.
- Sponsored two teams to the Idaho State Envirothon with the Mackay High School team placing 5th.
- Thanks to SWC for a Capacity Grants that helped BSWCD sponsor these activities.

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