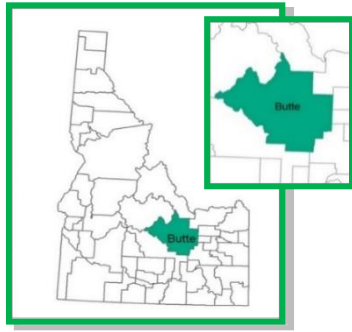


## Butte SWCD Performance Report: January – December 2021

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 35**



### FY2021 Accomplishments

- The Butte SWCD received a fourth year of **NACD/NRCS Technical Assistance Grant** funding



*2021 6<sup>th</sup> grade tour*

The District produced an **online newsletter** to provide quarterly updates of District activities

- Educational outreach activities** included sponsoring an Envirothon team, conducted the annual 6<sup>th</sup> 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
- Hosted several **local work group meetings** to provide the NRCS with direction for utilizing

funding in 2022 as well as drafting two initiative proposals

- The District conducted **Cheatgrass Challenge monitoring** for landowners enrolled in this NRCS program
- Held an **electronic waste recycling day** during the summer
- Hosted a public meeting for the **antelope migration route fence retrofit** initiative funding request



*Envirothon Team*



*No-till drill in use*

- Established tillage test plots** in association with Butte County UI Extension
- Rented the no-till drill** for use on 1,084 acres
- Provided engineering funding assistance** for a pipeline conversion project

### FY2021 Funding:

Source	Amount
State	\$31,030.62
Counties	\$10,360.00
Grants	\$24,000.00
RC&D admin. assistance reimbursement	\$1,014.14
No-till drill rent	\$8,035.00
Stockmanship manual sales	\$321.00
NRCS cost-share funding	\$4,251,854.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,326,614.76</b>

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

## FY2021 NRCS Contract Load

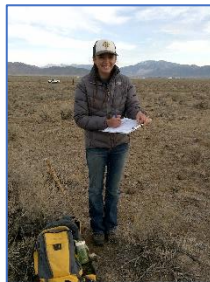
The NRCS obtained **39 new contracts, benefiting 33,878.6 acres** and provided **\$4.25 million financial assistance** for landowners. Contracts were obtained in the general EQIP, general CSP, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program-EQIP



*Public Meeting for Antelope Migration Corridor Fence Retrofit Project*



*Speech contest winners*



*TA Grant Employee Sam Spaulding*



*Electronic waste recycling day*



*NRCS funded irrigation ditch lining project in-progress*

## Board Supervisor and Staff Service Recognition:

We would like to recognize **Randy Purser**, for 35 years of service on the board of supervisors

Long-time District employee **Frances Perkes** retired after 37 years of service



*District Manager Frances Perkes*

## 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



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