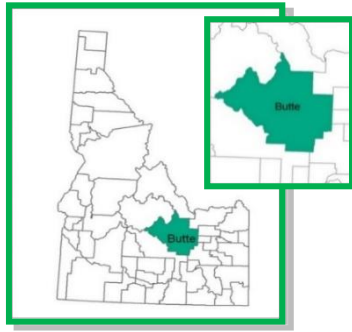


Butte SWCD Performance Report: January – December 2022

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



FY2022 Accomplishments

- The Butte SWCD received a fifth year of **NACD/NRCS Technical Assistance**



Conservation Tour

Grant funding

- Educational outreach activities** included sponsoring an Envirothon team, 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, participated in Ag Days at Mackay School, and held a conservation tour near Howe

- Hosted a **local work group meeting** to provide the NRCS with direction for utilizing

funding in 2023. The meeting was attended by 30 landowners and conservation partners

- The District **received several grants** to conduct forest education events, purchase equipment for the local farmer’s market, help purchase fish screens for an irrigation system. A WQPA award was also received to improve water quality and quantity on a farm near Moore



6th Grade Natural Resources Tour



District Board receiving grant award

- Rented the no-till drill** for use on 650 acres
- Provided an educational scholarship** for a District employee to take classes needed for NRCS employment

FY2022 Funding:

Source	Amount
State	\$34,203.52
Counties	\$10,670.80
Grants	\$54,750.00
Contract Services	\$5,592.90
No-till drill rent	\$7,896.00
Stockmanship manual sales	\$92.00
NRCS cost-share funding	\$1,918,328.64
Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA)	\$335,177.00
TOTAL	\$2,366,710.86

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

FY2022 NRCS Contract Load

The NRCS obtained **45 new contracts**, **benefiting 15,811 acres** and provided **\$1.9 million financial assistance** for landowners. Contracts were obtained in the general EQIP, general CSP, and Regional Conservation Partnership Program-EQIP programs.



Local working group public meeting



Speech Contest Winners



TA Grant Employee Sara Zollinger



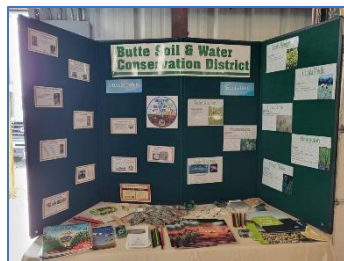
Natural Resource Camp campers



NRCS Beaver Dam Analog Installation



NRCS funded irrigation ditch to pipeline conversion project



Educational County Fair Display



Forest Education Grant Activity

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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