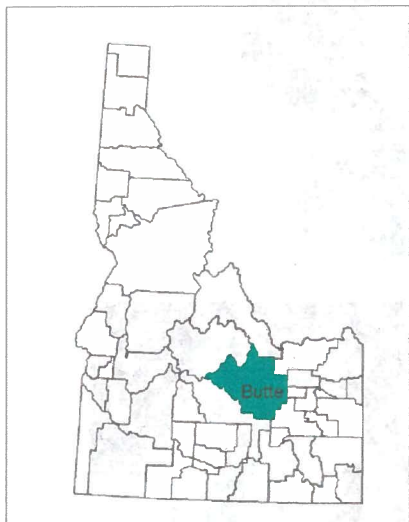


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Natural Resource Concerns

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

July 2011 – July 2012 Funding

Local Units of Government -----	\$7,802.00
State of Idaho -----	\$22,155.75
USDA NRCS Farm Bill Programs -----	\$3,157,936.00
Estimated Value of Volunteer Time --	\$9,000.00
Fish and Wildlife -----	\$11,391.62
RC&D Ag Energy -----	\$13,538.51
Weed Program Administration -----	\$1,401.00

AG Energy Conservation with RC&D

Through cooperation with Lost River Electric Coop and High Country RC&D 31 farm energy audits were conducted. Incentive practices have been implemented which resulted in \$11,209.28 savings.



Transmission Line Fire Resistance Project

Butte SWCD in cooperation with Northwest Management, Inc., High Country RC&D, BLM, Idaho State Highway Dept, INEL, SWC have been working on ways to protect the transmission lines that serve Arco, Lost River Electric and Salmon River Electric. These lines end in the Challis area with are no alternative routes in case the lines are down.



Educational Programs

- Sponsored the Poster Contest for 60, 6th grade students from Mackay and Arco schools.
- Held an annual 6th 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 is “Soil to Spoon” with emphasis on the USDA *ChooseMyPlate* nutrition and portion guidelines. Fruit, vegetables, protein, grains and milk were traced back to the soil. One very smart kindergarten student answered that “milk could be traced back to the soil when you spilled it”!!! The “correct” answer was that milk comes from dairy cows that eat grass and hay that grow from seeds in the soil. Booklets with games and activities to follow up on the theme “Soil to Spoon” were given to about 300 students.



- Nine students to 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 3rd.



Future Projects

Sage Grouse Initiative

Eight ranches have been enrolled in the Grasslands Reserve Program. This program will improve and protect 8844 acres for the Greater Sage Grouse and rangeland.

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