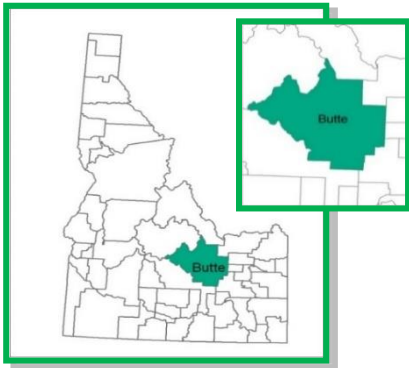


Butte SWCD Performance Report: January – December 2019

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



FY2019 Accomplishments

- Held two **public informational meetings** highlighting produce production in



High Tunnel Informational Meeting

seasonal high tunnels. The meeting resulted in several applications for the NRCS’ Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative.

- The Butte SWCD received a second year of **NACD/NRCS Technical Assistance Grant** funding
- Two **new staff were hired** by the District
- The District created an **online newsletter** to provide quarterly updates of District activities

- **Educational outreach activities** included conducting NACD Stewardship Week activities and poster contest, sponsored two Envirothon teams, conducted the annual 6th grade Natural Resources



Local Work Group Meeting

Tour, provided outreach information and educational activities at county fairs and farmer’s markets, provided scholarships for seven students to attend Natural Resource Camp, created pollinator seed packets for distribution, and sponsored a speech

contestant at the Division and State levels

- Hosted a **local work group meeting** to provide the NRCS with direction for utilizing FY2020 funding



6th Grade Natural Resources Tour

- **Conducted weed and compliance monitoring** for the Lost River Highway District at the Pence Bridge wetland mitigation areas

FY2019 Funding:

Source	Amount
State	\$24,571.22
Counties	\$9,766.00
TA Grant	\$48,000.00
RC&D admin. assistance reimbursement	\$846.81
No-Till Drill Rental	\$2,720.00
Stewardship book sales	\$305.00
Donations	\$1,295.00
NRCS cost-share funding	\$1,617,085.95
TOTAL	\$1,704,589.98



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FY2019 NRCS Contract Load

The NRCS obtained 43 new contracts, **benefiting 45,771 acres** and provided \$1.6 million financial assistance for landowners. Contracts were obtained in the Sage-Grouse Initiative, general EQIP, general CSP, WaterSmart, Grassland Conservation Initiative CSP, and Natural Disaster categories



Seasonal High Tunnel, EQIP Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative contract



Mackay Public School Envirothon Team



Butte County Envirothon Team



Natural Resource Camp attendees

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

Board Supervisor and Employee Service Recognition:

We would like to recognize our board supervisors and employees for their service:

Frances Perkes, Administrative Assistant and Financial Advisor: 35 Years

Randy Purser, Board Supervisor: 33 Years

Jeff Isham, Board Supervisor: 30 Years



Rock riprap to reduce erosion, EQIP contract



Solar powdered pump and water storage tank, EQIP Sage Grouse Initiative contract

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