

# Local Working Group and District Priorities

The District hosts a few local working group meetings each year to allow residents to join the conservation discussion and have a say in how federal NRCS monies will be spent in the area. These meetings are advertised in the Arco Advertiser and on the District's facebook page as well as via flyers hung in our communities. To be put on an e-mail list for a direct meeting invite, send an e-mail to [butteswcd@outlook.com](mailto:butteswcd@outlook.com).

LWG and District priorities:

- Increase water availability and enhance water quality
- Invasive and noxious weed control
- Improve soil health and reduce erosion through the adoption of agricultural best management practices
- Improve animal waste management
- Improve natural resource management in urban settings
- Conduct youth and adult educational outreach activities

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# Butte Soil and Water Conservation District

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*Setting high standards for natural resource conservation*





Students from Butte and Custer Counties at Natural Resource Camp

## Promoting Conservation

Founded in 1953, the Butte SWCD is one of 50 conservation districts across the State of Idaho. Our boundaries are defined by our major watersheds – the Big Lost and Little Lost Rivers. The District promotes natural resource conservation and sustainable agriculture through non-regulatory, incentive-based assistance to private landowners and land users. The Butte SWCD is led by a locally-elected board of supervisors who work in close association with landowners and partner agencies at the local, state, and federal levels to achieve our conservation goals.

## Landowner Programs

District Programs: [www.buttswcd.org](http://www.buttswcd.org)

- No-till Drill Rental
- Youth and Adult Education
- Chemical container recycling

NRCS Programs: [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Conservation Setwardship Program
- Sage-grouse Initiative
- Cheatgrass Challenge

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission Programs: [www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov)

- Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Loan Program
- Water Quality Program for Agriculture
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



Barley Harvest, Butte County



Fish Screens Installed in the Little Lost River Valley

## District Overview

The District covers all of Butte County and the Southern portion of Custer County. Hay and other crops make up the largest economic commodity in Butte County, while cattle and other livestock are the largest economic commodity in Custer County.

*It is the goal of the Butte Soil and Water Conservation District directors to set high standards for conservation and wise use of the natural resources within the District*