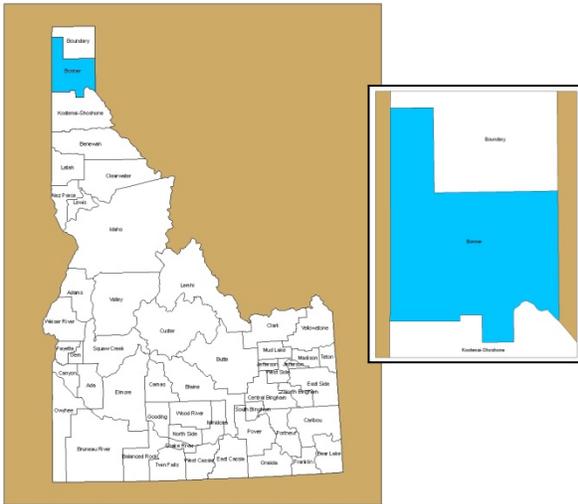


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Top 4 Resource Priorities

1. Water Quality & Riparian
2. Timber & Woodland
3. Fish, Wildlife & Recreation
4. Pasture & Hayland

FY2013 Revenue/Return on Investment

Federal Grants	\$ 25,900
State Funding	\$ 18,965
County Funding	\$ 6,750
State Grants	\$ 221,837
Private Funding/Projects	\$ 84,256
District Funds Administered	\$ 357,708
NRCS Funds	\$ 165,061
Landowner/Volunteer Match	\$ 175,224
TOTAL	\$ 697,993
<i>ROI Local: 102.41% ROI State: 35.80%</i>	

Recent Projects



Pend Oreille Water Festival

- Bonner SWCD took this project over in FY2013 from Tri-State Water Quality Council – they had managed the Water Festival for 16 years, but closed their doors in 2012
- All 5th graders in Bonner County attend 1 of the 2 days the Festival takes place at Riley Creek Campground. Students cycle through 5 stations addressing water quality issues: Fisheries, Animal Tracks, Water Quality, Watersheds, and Northwest Explorers which focuses on David Thompson.
- An inspired steering committee led the May 16 & 17 event to record donations and very successful evaluations from instructors, teachers, and students.



Water Festival Animal Track station at Riley Creek Campground – May 2013

Boat Inspection Stations – ISDA Grant

- Moved Oldtown station 3 miles east to the Albeni Falls Dam Visitor Center – much better site. Managed both the Albeni station and the Samuels inspection station north of Sandpoint from Memorial weekend through Labor Day –13 employees hired.
- 11,670 boats inspected, 3 hot washed because of milfoil. No mussels found.
- 4008 Aquatic Invasive Species stickers sold, giving \$52,051 back to Idaho Parks and Recreation for the program next year. Inspections up 1,216 from 2012, and dollars to IDPR up \$8,500 and stickers sales up 650.

Educational Programs

- Natural Resource Camp in Ketchum: For the second year in a row we provided a scholarship for a local student to attend.
- Idaho State Forestry Contest: 400 students from 18 schools participated - 200 volunteers. Competition covered 10 forestry related areas. Timber & Cruising Station is pictured below –



- Pend Oreille Water Festival: Was lead sponsor for the first year – 400 students, 5 sections of learning, 2-day event. Very successful! Great basic set up for the 18th year.
- Bonner County Farm Tour - Co-Sponsored
- Pack River Watershed Council: Semi-Annual newsletter for 230 residents; topics include the district's water quality projects on Grouse Creek & at the Waterlife Discovery Center.
- L*A*S & Pend Oreille Basin Commission: Water quality classes were taught to six classes of elementary school students – 360 total students - at the Waterlife Discovery Center in Sagle.
- Two DEQ Source Water Protection grants: Through these grants, L*A*S provided water quality education through several methods, including:
 - *400 Radio Ads
 - *3 Brochures
 - *Seasonal posters in Sandpoint Magazine
 - *L*A*S Manuals delivered to 200 residents
 - *Workshop/training on source water protection and water quality for 40 Priest River City staff and Chamber of Commerce members.
 - *Website development



Future Projects

Our focus will continue to be on projects, outreach, and education that protect the lakes, rivers, ag land and forests of Bonner County:

- Continue into the 2nd year with the new district newsletter combined with the existing Pack River Watershed Council newsletter.
- Projects next year include our 2nd year managing the Pend Oreille Water Festival, managing 2 boat inspection stations, selling AIS stickers, and the annual tree seedling sale. Also, we will continue sponsoring the Idaho State Forestry Contest and classes at the Waterlife Discovery Center.
- Evaluating L*A*S program with the help of local leaders, agencies, and 8-year veterans with the program. Prioritizing projects, educational outreach events, and funding sources.
- Organize a tour with UI for forest landowners on water quality for forest landowners. Two streambank restoration projects on Grouse Creek are recent examples:



- Administer for the 3rd year the funding through the state legislature for the Pend Oreille Basin Commission Coordinator.
- Continue working with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects within our county, and establish resource inventory for our county.

Board of Supervisors & Staff

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Bonner SWCD

FOR YEAR:

FY 2013

DUE :

December 20, 2013

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Herman B. Collins

Printed Name

December 10, 2013

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