

# Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide voluntary land water conservation, technical and financial assistance to landowners and users. They have assisted cooperators in classifying rangeland, proper fertilization methods, residue management, woodland management and irrigation practices.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

**FY 2013 Accomplishments:**

- Moved Oldtown Boat Inspection Station 3 miles east to the Albeni Falls Dam Visitor Center which has proved to be a much better location
- Inspected 11,670 boats for aquatic invasive species and sold \$52,051 in stickers which went to the Idaho Parks and Recreation.
- Hot washed three boats because milfoil was detected, with no mussels being found.
- Inspections were up by 1,216 boats and 8,500 dollars in sticker sales.
- Participated in the Idaho State Forestry Contest, 421 students attended.
- Sponsored a student to attend the Natural Resource Camp.
- Participated and sponsored multiple outreach and educational programs throughout the County.
- Received 2 DEQ Source Water Protection grants which provided funds for outreach and educational programs.

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Evaluate the L\*A\*S program with the help of local leaders and agencies to help prioritize projects, educational outreach events and funding sources.
- Organize a tour with UI for forest landowners on water quality for forest landowners to showcase projects like stream restoration projects on Grouse Creek.



Stream Restoration on Grouse Creek



Water Festival Animal Track Station

**FY 2013 District Funding:**

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	6,750
Capacity Building	\$	2,730
State Match	\$	<u>9,234</u>
	\$	27,214

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