

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Custer Soil and Water Conservation District was established in June of 1953. Through the years, the District has sponsored many trial seedings of new and improved grasses furnished by the Soil Conservation Service's Plant Materials Center in Aberdeen, Idaho.

Mission (or Function):

- Provide action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with the emphasis on soil and water.
- Have productive and sustainable natural resources in harmony with elevated land stewardship ethics.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Completed consultation to install gravity pipeline, stock water and fencing on Sulphur Creek.
- Installed riparian fence to improve livestock management on the East Fork.
- Planning and environmental consultation for two irrigation improvement projects to be installed in 2014.
- Installed well for City of Challis to transition from surface water to ground water.
- Took part in planning, test wells, design and worked with owners and SNRA to complete consultation on Pole Creek irrigation project.



Custer District FY 2014 Unmet Needs:

The following unmet needs were submitted to the Commission at the FY 2013 budget hearing.

- Water Law Education Workshop: Landowner and district education for water use and water rights - \$1,000.
- Natural Resource Education Program: Expand conservation education for landowners - \$1,000.
- Weed Awareness Workshop: Grant cost-share to implement education program for noxious weed awareness - \$1,000.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	4,050
Capacity Building	\$	1,000
State Match	\$	<u>5,540</u>
	\$	19,090

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