

Bruneau River Soil Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District was organized in 1953 and identified their priorities as drainage investigations, developing and irrigating new land for agriculture and performing soil surveys and water table studies. The long-range resource conservation program places high priority on irrigation water management, rangeland management, animal waste management and protection of wildlife habitat.

Mission (or Function):

- To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus on coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- In partnership with Eastern Owyhee Coordinated Weed Management Area, sprayed 4,000 acres to control noxious weeds.
- Partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service and landowners to control the invasive species Hydrilla in the Bruneau River.
- Partnered with landowners and DEQ to implement Nutrient Management BMPs on 8,000 acres of irrigated cropland within the Bruneau and Grand View Nitrate Priority Areas.
- Conducted a total of 4,102 boat inspections to check for Quagga Mussels.
- Provided technical and financial assistance to cooperators through NRCS, SWCC, USFWS, DEQ 319 grants and other funding sources to develop and implement BMP's to conserve renewable natural resources.



The Bruneau River Canyon.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to administer Quagga mussel inspection stations in Bruneau and Marsing.
- Educate ranchers on rangeland and riparian Best Management Practices.
- Continue to provide leadership in controlling invasive terrestrial and aquatic weed species.
- Reduce the use of hot water irrigation to maintain the hot water aquifer for the Bruneau Hot Spring Snail population.

FY 2014 District Funding:

State	\$12,467
Local Government	\$2,900
ISDA Invasive Species Watercraft Inspection Program Funds	\$170,400
Total District Funding	\$185,767

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