

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 district's long-range resource conservation program places high priority on irrigation water management, rangeland management, animal waste management and protection of wildlife habitat.

Mission, Vision or Function:

Our mission is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water, and related resources.

Our vision is to help our local producers conserve irrigation water, control noxious weeds, reduce erosion, and develop sustainable agricultural practices to reduce nitrates in our water supply, while maximizing yields and decreasing inputs. This will ensure that farming and ranching will continue far into the future.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- In partnership with the BLM, sprayed wilderness areas for noxious weeds.
- Partnered with the Shoshone and Paiute tribes to spray for noxious weed.
- Partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service and landowners to control the invasive species Hydrilla in the Bruneau River.
- Administered the ISDA Watercraft Inspection stations at Bruneau and Marsing. Conducted a total of 2,870 inspections at the Bruneau station, and 1,126 inspections at the Marsing station in an effort to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species to Idaho.

- Provided technical and financial assistance to cooperators through NRCS, SWCC, USFWS and ISDA 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 watercraft 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 benefit of the Bruneau Hot Spring Snail population.

FY 2015 District Funding:

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| State | \$10,330 |
| County | \$2,900 |
| ISDA Invasive Species | \$188,752 |
| Total | \$201,982 |

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