

Benewah

Soil and Water Conservation District



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*BSWCD Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month except
August & November*

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Forestlands
3. Non-irrigated Cropland
4. Fish and Wildlife Habitat
5. Recreation areas

2015 Revenue

State Funding	\$ 16,907
County Funding	\$ 4,500
Tree Sale Income	\$ 571
Panhandle Lakes RC&D	\$ 3,545
Total District Funding	\$ 25,523
<i>ROI – County Funding</i>	<i>5.7 -1</i>
<i>ROI – State Funding</i>	<i>1.5 -1</i>

Conservation Assistance

- ❖ Outreach to St. Joe River and St. Maries River landowners regarding stream bank remediation assistance
- ❖ Participated in of DEQ Watershed Advisory Group for St. Joe River and St. Maries River to assess priority project areas, based upon listed TMDL concerns and private landowner participation
- ❖ Welcomed three new Board Supervisors and new District employee, resulting in a full Board of five members
- ❖ Provided partnership assistance to the Hangman Bi-State Advisory Group, the group submitted an RCPP funding request from USDA, which includes potential work on several of Benewah SWCD's waterways.



Conservation Assistance

- ❖ Expanded public outreach by participating in the Benewah County Master Gardner Program, requiring weed & soils training and local volunteer projects
- ❖ Provided over thirty 5th & 6th graders from Benewah, Shoshone, & Kootenai counties with soil education & demonstrations as part of the Natural Resource Tour in July 2015
- ❖ Sold nearly 4,000 tree seedlings to local landowners for conservation plantings
- ❖ Partnering with Avista (Utilities), IDEQ, and others to provide partial landowner cost share for potential conservation projects; Began preliminary steps of \$319 grant application
- ❖ Assisted Bonner SWCD with youth events: Forestry Contest and Water Festival in May
- ❖ Participated in Idaho Forest Owners Association (IFOA) meetings. District 1 Conservation Districts partner with IFOA to offer five different native conifer seedling species, with over 100,000 being sold for the 2015 Spring planting season
- ❖ Participated in Coeur d'Alene Tribe's "One Earth One Sky" food coalition group, providing assistance for weekly Farmers' Market and community garden projects
- ❖ Assisted local NRCS office with Local Working Group Meeting-opportunity for local input
- ❖ Assisted local NRCS with streambank erosion measurements for future conservation project near Clarkia, ID on the St. Maries River
- ❖ Participated in the Benewah County Fair in August of 2015
- ❖ Hosted IASCD Division 1 Fall Meeting in October, with over thirty-five attendees, including some legislators



Board of Supervisors & Staff

Billie Brown, Board Supervisor Chair
Larry Cooke, Board Supervisor
Stan Smith, Board Supervisor
Chris Hurren, Board Supervisor
James Pierce, Board Supervisor
Leann Daman, District Manager

Assisting landowners with their conservation choices

