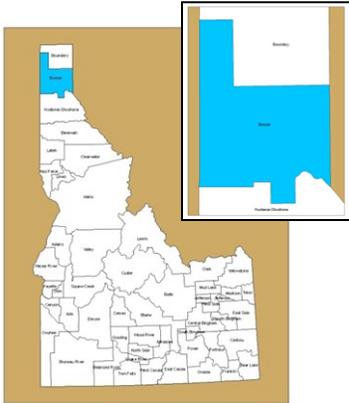


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

2021 Performance Report



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Top 4 Resource Priorities

1. Water Quality & Riparian Zones
2. Timber & Woodland
3. Fish, Wildlife & Recreation
4. Traditional Agriculture, Grazing and Cropland

Our Mission:

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources and focus and coordinate them to meet the needs of the land user.

Recent Projects

Boat Inspection Stations/AIS Sticker Sales

BSWCD operates and supervises 3 Invasive Species watercraft inspection stations in Bonner County. inspections decreased by 6.24% over the prior year. 27,646 Watercraft inspections were completed in Bonner County during the 2021 season, ISDA Roving crew members inspected an additional 1,329 watercraft. This program employs 22 seasonal employees from April through September. During FY21 \$412,498.93 was utilized through an ISDA grant to administer Aquatic Invasive Species program in Bonner County.

Panhandle Seedling Program Tree Seedling Sale

The Panhandle Seedling Program (PSP) had another great year! The PSP Board is made up of professional foresters from throughout the region. Their expertise is the driving force behind sourcing even more region specific high quality seedlings for our local private landowners and timber producers. This reputation and seedling quality resulted in happy customers who have already sought out seedlings for 2022.

FY2021 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 16,500.00	Administrative Fees:	\$ 17,946.00
State Funding	\$ 28,713.63	DEQ 319	\$ 24,250.00
State Grants	\$510,797.68	Project Funding & Grants	\$155,079.08
Education Program			
Funds	\$ 10,530.32		
District Funds Administered:			
			\$ 763,816.71

Annual Educational Programs

Idaho State Forestry Contest

The 2021 Forestry Contest was adapted to the challenges we faced to present this important educational opportunity in a responsible socially distanced manner. Over the course of 5 days in two separate locations individual schools explored the course. This year was an introduction to many new teams and the one on one approach to the course proved to be great teaching moments that reinvigorated both competitors, coaches, and volunteers



Some of our 2021 Pine Street Woods Forestry Contest Volunteers

Pend Oreille Water Festival

The 25th annual Pend Oreille Water Festival looked a little different this year but continued to be a highlight for our young attendees. Adjustments were made to accommodate social distancing federal protocols which required us to limit the number of attendees as well as remove two of our popular stations. Despite these changes we were able to host over 300 students over a 2 day period. Schools were provided the opportunity to utilize a recorded animal tracks lesson and provided the tools to complete this hands on activity in their classes. The District is grateful for all the hard work of Gail Bolin, the Water Festival Coordinator.

Perseverance in Face of Challenges

2021 saw our community continue to be impacted by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. Along with many employers we struggled to recruit and retain seasonal employees for our critical AIS stations. Employees and Board members battled bouts of Covid, office closures and changing protocols. In spite of these challenges we were able to present our educational events, maintain 3 AIS stations, complete wetland restoration project with Fish & Wildlife as well as receive our first Ag 319 grant and have our Sunnyside 319 proposal forward to the super Bag. Much like the era Conservation Districts were born out of Bonner SWCD strives to continue to grow & adjust to the needs of our community.

Our focus for the future will continue to be on projects that both protect and maintain our county's natural resources, as well as educational outreach programs that provide tools to Bonner County residents on how to protect the health of the lakes, rivers, forests, and soils of the beautiful place we all call home!

Future Projects

- Continue to identify and apply for 319 and grants that will improve and protect the natural resources of Bonner County.
- Continue to operate 3 boat inspection stations to protect our waterways.
- Administer funding for The Lakes Commission through state legislature
- Continue to fund and prioritize projects and educational outreach.
- Continue annual Tree seedling sale, Forestry Contest and Pend Oreille Water Festival.
- Partner with community leaders to provide additional educational opportunities to County Residents.

Board of Supervisors and District Staff:

Dale Van Stone — Chair
Harry Menser — Vice Chair
Brad Bluemer — Treasurer
Rick Watt — Supervisor
John Gaddess — Associate
Jim Stevens - Associate
Sarah Garcia — District Administrator
Glenn Kibbey-A.I.S Program Coordinator
Molly McCahon — The Lakes Commission Coordinator
Jessica Erikson — Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator

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**PERFORMANCE
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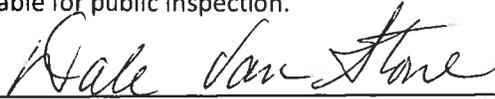
FOR YEAR:
2021

DUE :
December 20, 2021

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Dale Van Stone

Printed Name

December 7, 2021

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