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NEWS RELEASE

GOVERNOR APPOINTS TWO COMMISSIONERS TO AG CONSERVATION BOARD

(Boise, Idaho) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter this week reappointed Chairman H. Norman Wright of American Falls to his second full five-year term, and appointed Jerome County Commissioner Cathy Roemer to serve out the unexpired term of retiring Commissioner Glen Gier of Twin Falls.

Wright joined the Board in 2011. Raised on a dairy farm near Caldwell, he has degrees in business administration and finance from Boise State University. He served on the American Falls City Council and the Power Board of County Commissioners, and is retired after 33 years with the Farm Service Agency. His term runs through June 2022.

“It’s been an honor to serve the conservation community of Idaho the last five years,” said Chairman Wright. “There is much more work to be done and I’ll continue striving to work with our conservation partners to make Idaho a better place to live.”

Commissioner Roemer is a native Idahoan and lifetime resident of the Magic Valley. She has served on the Jerome County Farm Bureau Board for the last 16 years. She was a free-lance agricultural journalist prior to her election to the Jerome County Commission in 2008, and is a strong supporter of the industry. Roemer’s the first woman appointed to the Board since its establishment in 1939. Her term expires in 2020.

“I sincerely appreciate being selected to serve on the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission,” said Commissioner Roemer. “I look forward to working with the Commission and hope to explore more ways to strengthen partnerships between counties and local conservation districts.”

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The Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission sows seeds of stewardship around the state by providing technical and financial support to Idaho’s 50 conservation districts, and provides conservation programs and services that promote the balanced, locally led, and voluntary stewardship of natural and agricultural resources. For further information visit www.swc.idaho.gov.