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#### GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONER TO IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Boise, Idaho) – Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (Commission) Chairman Norman Wright today announced Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter’s appointment of new commissioner **Leon Slichter of Grangeville**.

“I am proud to welcome Idaho County cattleman and conservation district supervisor Leon Slichter as our newest commissioner,” said Wright “He’s got a solid agricultural background and a lot of experience in voluntary conservation. His skills as a businessman and conservation district decision-maker are held in high esteem among his peers. He’s an immediate asset to the Conservation Commission.”

Slichter replaces former Commissioner Dick Bronson from Gem County who served on the Commission for over six years.

Slichter was raised on a cattle ranch in Grangeville. A fifth generation Idahoan, he still operates the ranch, Bar Cross Herefords, alongside two of his sons. He’s served on the Board of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation District for the past 21 years. Slichter and his wife, Sheryl Ann, have four children and six grandchildren.

“I’m looking forward to serving on the Commission,” Slichter said. “I enjoy working with Ag producers, natural resources, and the people of the State to promote voluntary conservation. Along with many others, I appreciate the Governor’s appointment to restore a seat on the Commission to a northern Idaho representative.”

#### **About the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission:**

The Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission facilitates coordinated, non-regulatory, voluntary, and locally-led conservation by federal, state, and local governments including Idaho’s conservation districts and other partners to conserve, sustain, improve, and enhance soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. For further information regarding the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission visit [www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov).

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