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GOVERNOR APPOINTS TWO COMMISSIONERS TO IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(Boise, Idaho) - Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (Commission) Chairman Dick Bronson announced Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's appointment today of new commissioners **H. Norman Wright of American Falls and Gerald Trebesch of Boise.**

"Mr. Trebesch and Mr. Wright bring statewide background, resources, and individual strengths to the Commission," said Bronson. "They are a great fit for the Commission, conservation partners, and the State of Idaho. I commend and thank them for their service."

Norman Wright was raised on a dairy farm near Caldwell and has degrees in business administration and finance from Boise State University. Wright has served on the American Falls City Council for the past eight years and is president of the American Falls Lions Club. He brings extensive experience to the Commission, including involvement with the Soil Conservation Service and the Canyon County conservation district, as well as 33 years with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now known as Farm Service Agency). Wright replaces former Vice-Chair Dwight Horsch, and his term expires July 1, 2012.

"I am deeply honored for the support of Governor Butch Otter in my appointment to Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission," said Wright. "The Commission has a great history and commitment to the conservation of water and soil in Idaho. I want to try and live up to that commitment to help preserve Idaho's natural resources and continue to prosper in the 21st century."

Gerald Trebesch is a former agricultural banker with extensive statewide experience and has been heavily involved with agricultural lending since obtaining his degree in agricultural business from Montana State University. He brings a complete understanding of statewide agricultural issues having been based in Rigby, Salmon, St. Maries, Soda Springs, Caldwell, Boise, and Meridian throughout his career. Trebesch currently lives in Boise and operates a cow-calf operation as well as stocker and feeder cattle. Trebesch replaces former Chairman Bill Flory, and his term expires July 1, 2016.

"I appreciate the opportunity to represent the agricultural lending community with the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission," said Trebesch. "I am humbled by the support of the Governor in my appointment and look forward to assisting the Commission, the districts, and the Conservation Partnership in the coming years to preserve natural resources in Idaho."

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 more information about the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission visit www.swc.idaho.gov.

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