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NEWS RELEASE

GOVERNOR APPOINTS ERICK OLSON TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION BOARD

(Boise, Idaho) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter this week appointed Erik J. Olson to a five-year term on the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission. A 4th generation Boundary County farmer, Olson operates a 3,000 acre farm with his dad and uncle, producing wheat, barley, canola, pulses, and alfalfa.

“I really appreciate being appointed to the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission,” said Olson. “Coming from a strong farming background, I understand the need for conservation and its importance to our future generations.”

He’s an associate member on the Boundary County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, serves as President of the Kootenai Valley Reclamation Association, and is a graduate of Leadership Idaho Agriculture’s Class 38. Olson and his wife Cassie own a weed management business serving Boundary County farmers and ranchers, and together they’re also raising 5 children.

“I want to gain more knowledge about conservation, help educate others, and give North Idaho a strong voice in conservation around the state,” said Olson. “There’s no better way for me to do that than serve the Governor on the Conservation Commission.”

“We are happy to have someone with the interests and qualifications of Commissioner Olson join our Board to do the good work of the conservation partnership,” said Chairman Norman Wright. “We’re very pleased he’s joining our conservation family.”

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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.