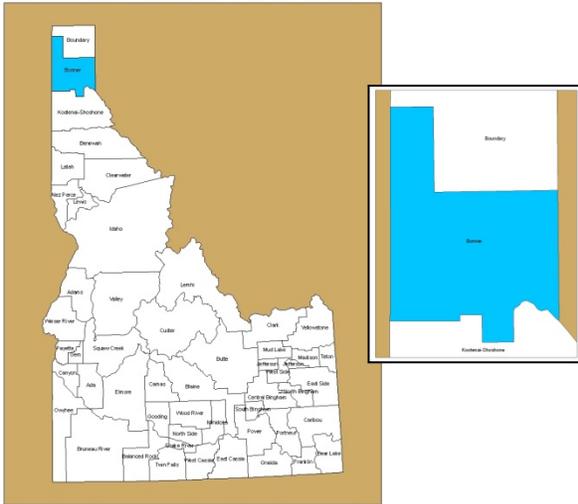


# Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District



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 Board Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

## Top 4 Resource Priorities

1. Water Quality & Riparian
2. Timber & Woodland
3. Fish, Wildlife & Recreation
4. Pasture & Hayland

## FY2014 Revenue/Return on Investment

Federal Grants	\$ 72,935
State Funding	\$ 19,197
County Funding	\$ 7,000
State Grants	\$ 280,825
Private Funding/Projects	\$ 34,103
<b>District Funds Administered</b>	<b>\$ 414,060</b>
NRCS Funds	\$ 15,210
Landowner/Volunteer Match	\$ 27,073
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 456,343</b>
<i>ROI Local: 64.19% ROI State: 22.77%</i>	

## Recent Projects

### Lake Assist (LAS) and Pend Oreille Basin Commission (POBC) Joint Projects:

- The Pend Oreille Basin Commission is an advisory board for north Idaho for water quality and water quantity issues – a 7 member board appointed by the Governor. Funding and coordinator position are administered by the district. The Lake Assist program began in our district in 2005, and is funded by grants and the district. The 2 coordinators for these programs have joined resources on several projects:
- Flowering rush dig and educational booth – outreach on how to prevent spreading
- Taught 10 classes of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Waterlife Discovery Center
- 500 fuel bibs purchased and distributed to marinas for boaters
- Updated Priest Lake maps, printed 10,000, distributed many at boat inspection stations



**LAS:** Focusing on marina spill prevention education and tools, native planting on **Pend Oreille Bay Trail**, Clark Fork Delta Restoration Project willow gathering and weed team, and realtors' class to educate realtors regarding water quality management on property.

**POBC:** Focusing on lake level management plan with 2 local dams and Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Admin., and tribal concerns -- of high interest to lakefront land owners, marinas, and fishermen, as well as fishery issues.

## Educational Programs

- Realtors Class 2014: Collaborative effort by local agencies covering water quality, erosion, pollution prevention, land use laws and regulations, wetlands, floodplain & floodway issues, and septic regulations. 2<sup>nd</sup> class scheduled in FY2015 due to high demand.
- Idaho State Forestry Contest: 421 students from 18 schools - 200 volunteers. Competition covers 10 forestry related areas.
- Pend Oreille Water Festival: Water quality education for Bonner County 5<sup>th</sup> graders – 400 students, 5 sections of learning, 2-day event. Second year of being sole sponsor – template for this event and terrific volunteerism make this a very successful event.



- Boat Inspection Stations: 2 stations, inspected 9,095 boats, hot washed 8 boats with milfoil, sold 3,622 stickers contributing \$48,929.50 to ID Parks & Recreation to help fund next year's aquatic invasive species program.
- Bonner County Farm Tour - Co-Sponsored tour with 2 buses: Weed & Forestry Project, Wheyward Goat Cheese Co., Hay & Forage Production, and the Poirer Museum where the first farm was established in Blanchard Valley.
- Pack River Watershed Council: Semi-Annual newsletter for 230 residents; topics include failing septic tanks, shoreline planning & zoning, Pack River temperature monitoring.

## Future Projects

Our focus will continue to be on projects, outreach, and education that protect the lakes, rivers, forests and soil of Bonner County.

- In FY2015 we will contribute 10,000 willows from our Willow Nursery to the Clark Fork Delta Restoration project. The district is helping on the weed management plan, the planting plan, and is also planting an area of the restoration. This is a \$4,000,000 project through Idaho Fish & Game.
- Projects next year include the August 14<sup>th</sup> tour of the Pack River Watershed restoration projects, managing 2 boat inspection stations at Albeni and Samuels plus a 3<sup>rd</sup> station at Clark Fork, selling AIS stickers, the annual tree seedling sale, Water Festival, Idaho State Forestry Contest, and Waterlife Discovery Center classes.
- Continue to help fund L\*A\*S program and prioritize projects and educational outreach events. Coordinate with SWC Mark Hogen on a 319 grant for road stabilization project.
- Administer the funding through the state legislature for the Pend Oreille Basin Commission Coordinator.
- We will continue to work with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects within our county. Local work group meeting this year was well attended and successful.

### Board of Supervisors & Staff

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Harry Menser, Member  
Linda O'Hare, District Administrator  
Molly McCahon, L\*A\*S Coordinator  
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**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Bonner SWCD

**FOR YEAR:** FY2014

**DUE :**  
December 20, 2014

**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

**Herman B. Collins**

Printed Name

**December 2, 2014**

Date

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