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#### **IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTS ADMINISTRATOR**

(Boise, Idaho) - Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWC) Chairman Norman Wright is pleased to announce the appointment of long-term employee, Delwyne Trefz, as Administrator. The SWC felt that Trefz had the institutional and extensive background knowledge of the Commission that is vitally important to our mission for success.

“Mr. Trefz showed vision and willingness to establish the Commission as a forward thinking and capable partner with not only our mainstream conservation partners, Soil Conservation Districts and Natural Resource Conservation Service, but also to engage and incorporate other like-minded conservation entities,” says Wright. “It is what we all need to bring conservation to the forefront and demonstrate how vitally important it is to not only to Idahoan’s future, but also to all of our futures everywhere.”

Trefz holds a Master’s degree from University of Idaho in Crop Science. He has served the Commission since 2009 when he began as a Water Quality Resource Conservationist and worked his way up to District Support Services Specialist. In 2019 he was promoted to Deputy Administrator. As Deputy Administrator his responsibilities ranged from overseeing provision of support to the 50 local conservation districts to serving as agency liaison on committees and work groups as well as assisting with the development of annual budget requests and preparation of testimony provided to legislative committees.

“Voluntary natural resources conservation is vital to maintaining and enhancing Idaho’s economic productivity and environmental quality,” Trefz says. “I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to work with Commissioners, the Commission’s outstanding administrative and technical staff, local Soil Conservation Districts, and partner entities to build upon our 82-year legacy of promoting voluntary conservation efforts throughout the State.”

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In addition to his vast experience working on resource issues with the commission, Trefz has also worked with the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) as a Conservation Project Coordinator. While there, he administered and implemented a water quality improvement project; he recruited landowners to participate in the project, which applies NRCS standard nutrient and irrigation water management practices to reduce the number of pollutants entering ground and surface water resources in NW Owyhee County.

Trefz filled the position effective August 23, 2021 and is located in the Boise office. He is responsible for providing leadership and direction for Commission staff, budgets, and programs.

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

The SWC provides support and services to Idaho's 50 Soil Conservation Districts in the wise use and enhancement of soil, water, and related natural resources. The SWC is committed to improving the environment, increasing public awareness of conservation issues, and providing technical information needed to implement conservation measures and improve natural resource management.

For more information about the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission visit [www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov).

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