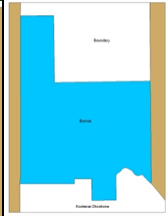


Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District

2022 Performance Report

Our Mission:

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources and focus and coordinate them to meet the needs of the land user.



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Top 4 Resource Priorities

1. Water Quality & Riparian Zones
2. Timber & Woodland
3. Fish, Wildlife & Recreation
4. Traditional Agriculture, Grazing, and Cropland

Panhandle Seedling Program Tree Seedling Sale

The Panhandle Seedling Program (PSP) had another great year! The PSP Board is made up of professional foresters from throughout the region. Their expertise is the driving force behind sourcing even more region specific high quality seedlings for our local private landowners and timber producers. This reputation and seedling quality resulted in happy customers who have already sought out seedlings for 2022.

Watercraft Inspection Stations / AIS Stickers

BSWCD operates and supervises 3 Invasive Species Watercraft inspection stations in Bonner County. Inspections decreased by 9.13% over the prior year in large part due to an unseasonably cold and wet start to our 2022 boating season. 25,245 Watercraft inspections were completed in Bonner County during the 2022 season. This program annually employs 23 seasonal employees from April through September. During FY22 \$68,801 were collected in AIS sticker fees predominantly from out of state visitors utilizing Idaho waterways. This was an almost 32% decrease from FY21, this was due in part to the Canadian Border remaining closed through the end of the 2021 greatly impacted out of state visitors as well as the unseasonably cold start to our boating season.



Recent Projects



Hard crossing, ATV bridge

Colburn Creek Riparian Area 319 Grant

BSWCD partnered with a local producer to secure an Agricultural 319 grant. These funds were utilized to complete over 4000 feet of three strand fencing, weed control measures, riparian willow plantings. This fencing excluded cattle from fragile stream banks that were eroding. Adding an ATV bridge allows access during high water as well as provides a removable crossing barrier that can be lifted during high water when cattle are not in the area. The hard crossing extended approximately 500' to allow stable ingress & egress in an ever changing stream bed.

Fiscal Year 2022

7/1/21-6/30/22

County Funding	\$ 16,500
State Funding	\$ 36,603
Watercraft Inspection Stations	\$ 356,621
Water Festival Donations:	\$ 11,680
Forestry Contest Donations:	\$ 5,215
Fish & Wildlife Projects:	\$ 13,898
Idaho Dept. Of Env. Quality	\$ 6,715
Project Funding & Grants	\$ 184,743
Seedling Sale	\$ 20,793
Panhandle Seedling Program	\$ 97,552

YOUTH EDUCATION EVENTS

Idaho State Forestry Contest

The Forestry Contest has continuously grown since the program began with over 1000 in attendance at the programs pre-pandemic peak in 2019. With this growth and due to wind and storm damage at the Delay Farms the hard decision was made to relocate the contest to Farragut State Park for the 2022 event. The contest requires over 500 hours of prep work to manage registration, volunteer coordination as well as to prepare and set up the courses. There were additional exciting changes that took place this year as the University of Idaho college of Natural Resources began offering scholarships to top 3 individual and team winners in the Senior category. 2022 brought new teams from throughout the state to the contest as well as return of many FFA teams. An additional feature of the event this year was the Job Fair attended by both state entities and private industry members. We look forward to this aspect of the event continuing to grow in the coming years. The Forestry Contest has seen some of its largest changes in the past four years and though change can present challenges it has also resulted in great successes as we get to the root of the event to engage students in Idaho related to one of our greatest resources, trees!



2022 First Place Team - Careywood Eager Beavers

Looking Forward:

- Continue to identify and apply for 319 and grants that will improve and protect the natural resources of Bonner County.
- Continue to operate 3 boat inspection stations to protect our waterways.
- Administer funding for The Lakes Commission through state legislature
- Continue to fund and prioritize projects and educational outreach.
- Continue annual Tree seedling sale, Forestry Contest and Pend Oreille Water Festival.
- Partner with community leaders to provide additional educational opportunities to County Residents.

Our focus for the future will continue to be on projects that both protect and maintain our county's natural resources, as well as educational outreach programs that provide tools to Bonner County residents on how to protect the health of the lakes, rivers, forests, and soils of the beautiful place we all call home!

Board of Supervisors and District Staff:

Dale Van Stone — Chair
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John Gaddess — Associate
Jim Stevens - Associate
Sarah Garcia — District Administrator
Glenn Kibbey - A.I.S Program Coordinator
Molly McCahon — The Lakes Commission Coordinator
Jessica Erikson — Pack River Watershed Council Coordinator

Pend Oreille Water Festival

The annual Pend Oreille Water Festival was back in full swing for the May event. Our setup team took one for the team and erected tents and setup stations in downpours but the weather held off for the event itself. The students and teachers were excited to once again be able to attend in person hands on educational events. This years lunch time show was presented by Idaho Fish & Game and focused on "Bear Aware" safety and education. Once again the pre and post festival tests showed a significant knowledge gain by students across the board. Our High School chaperones were phenomenal this year and contributed to one of our best events yet!



Water Festival - Bear Aware Presentation

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PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

Bonner

FOR YEAR:

FY22


DUE :

December 20, 2022

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

DALE VAN STONE
Printed Name

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