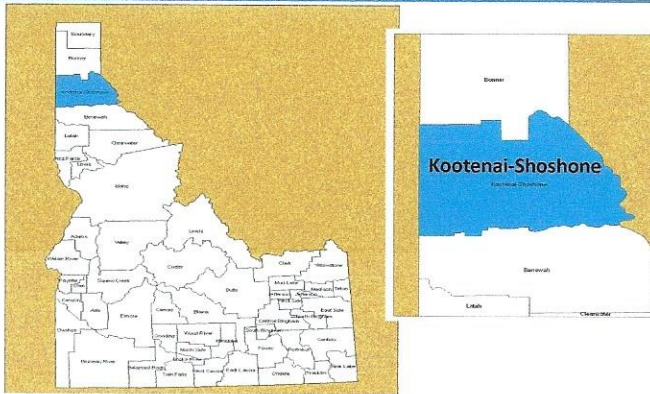


Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District



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KSSWCD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.

Water Quality

Mica Creek: The District has been actively working with the landowners within the Mica Creek watershed, and various agencies to develop a watershed restoration project to continue water quality improvements. KSSWCD has led efforts to restore this watershed over the course of the last 15 years. Water quality has improved to the point where Kokanee salmon and Cutthroat trout have returned to Mica Creek to spawn. Plans include both stream and wetland restoration projects. KSSWCD has been awarded a Leading Idaho Grant for this 2023/2024 year and work has been completed. The District plans on continuing restoration and will continue to apply for upcoming grants.



Top 6 Priorities

1. Cropland (Farm and Pasture Lands)
2. Surface and Ground Water Quality
3. Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture
4. Watercraft Inspection Stations
5. District Operations
6. Information, Education and Outreach

FY 2023 Gross Revenue

- Watercraft Insp Stations	\$582,537
- Leading Idaho -Mica Creek	\$308,859
- Tree Sales	\$ 11,648
- NACD TA Grant	\$ 24,418
- 319 Grant	\$104,744
- County Allocations	\$ 9,000

District Mission To maintain the Kootenai Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District as a leading partner with other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory locally led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.



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Leading Idaho- Riverside Track

The District was awarded a Leading Idaho grant for bank stabilization. On this site there was 100' section that had 2 – 3 foot tall dirt bare banks. The typical stabilization method is to rock the bank with riprap.

The District would like to thank all the agencies; DEQ, ISWCC, and the landowners for all their support in this project.



Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture

The District participates in a forestry tree seedling sale program now administered by the Pan Handle Seedling Program (PSP). This year we sold over 46,000 seedlings, a slight decrease from the previous year. We are looking forward to another successful year.

The Pan Handle Seedling Program is comprised of all four Districts in the Northern Panhandle, Bonner County, Boundary County, Benewah County and now Kootenai Shoshone. These seedlings are locally sourced and grown for Northern Idaho. We have professional foresters on the board that have the knowledge and experience to make the Pan Handle Seedling Program (PSP) a successful program.



Information, Education and Outreach

The District participated in the 1st Annual Modern Homesteading Event held at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in June and July 2023. The District partnered with Bonner County SWCD and NRCS to do a full soil health demonstration. The event was a huge success and looking forward to the 2024 Event.

Watercraft Inspection Stations

KSSWCD operates 4 watercraft inspection stations throughout Northern Idaho through a grant from ISDA. Each station is staffed with inspectors trained to detect invasive species (mussels) threats that may contaminate and destroy the eco system of our lakes.



District Operations

The District's financial health has been improving. The District has secured several new projects that can sustain the District efforts over the next several years. FY 2023 revenues were up substantially, much because of the 4 boat stations. The FY 2024 budget predicts a slight increase, and receipts are coming in on schedule. We are always looking for more inspectors to join our team. If interested, please reach out to our District Administrator.

We wish to acknowledge the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission and NRCS for the support they provide to the partnership. Corey Bensen with NRCS, Jenna Ditzel and Bill Lillibridge with ISWCC provide technical support that allows the District to complete conservation projects on the ground.

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