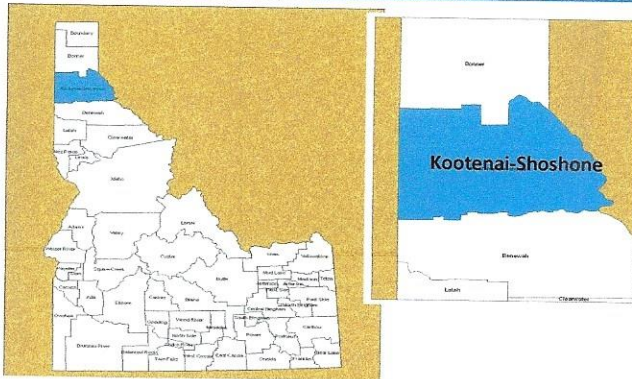


Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District



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KSSWCD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday of the

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	\$607,943
- 319 BMP – No Till Drill	\$ 96,998
- Tree Sales	\$ 8,608
- County Allocations	\$ 6,000
- ISWCC Yearly Allocation	\$ 14,500

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.

Soil & Water Quality

No Till Drill: The District was awarded the 319 BMP Grant from IDEQ for the No Till Drill Rental Program grant application in July 2024. The District purchased an ESCH 5612 12' drill that is ready for landowner rentals.

There are numerous benefits to using a no till drill such as to reduce or eliminate the need to till, plant crops earlier due to fewer ground preparation requirements, add grazing value by using cover crops as a feed source, the drill saves around \$100 per acre for each crop planted based on fuel and labor savings. By reducing disturbance in soil, organic matter remains in the soil that improves plant health and increases water retention, just to name a few.

The District will be holding training seminars on regenerative ag practices that will go along with the no till drill. The District would like to thank **Wes Evans**, Treasurer and **John Mobbs**, Associate Supervisor who sit on the board for all of the hard work they have put into this program. We are dedicated to seeing this program be successful. Please visit our web site to check out upcoming outreach and education opportunities. To learn more about the rental program, please reach out to the district administrator at ksswcd@yahoo.com or call **(208) 209-4348**.



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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. So far in 2024, there have been over 46,450 watercrafts inspected over the 4 stations. We currently have the two busiest stations in northern Idaho at Cedars and Huetter, both located o Hwy 90.



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 2024 we sold over 46,000 seedlings, a slight decrease from the previous year. We are looking forward to another successful year and already on track to pass 2024 sales.

The Pan Handle Seedling Program is comprised of all four Districts in the Northern Panhandle, Bonner County, Boundary County, Benewah County and 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 and 2nd Annual Modern Homesteading Event held at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in June 2023 and 2024. 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 2025 Event.



This is the soil demonstration that shows water infiltration and runoff based on different soil health practices.



This is the vendor booth that introduces the conservation districts as well as educates new landowners moving into the area. We also had a prize wheel for the kids.

Kootenai Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District Board Members and Staff

Laurin Scarcello	Chairman
Linda Ely	Vice-Chairman
Wes Evans	Treasurer
Kevin Hicks	Supervisor
Joel Noland	Supervisor
Thomas Shafer	Supervisor
Jon Groth	Supervisor
Karla Freeman	Administrator

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Kootenai Shoshone Soil &
Water Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2024

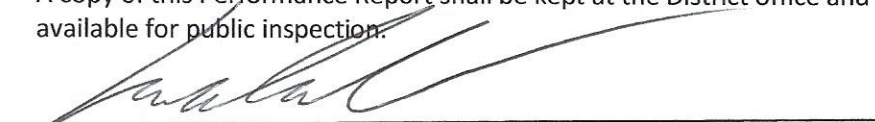
DUE :

December 20, 2024

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

Laurin Scarcello - Chairman

Printed Name

October 9, 2024

Date

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