

Payette

Soil and Water Conservation District

Performance Report 2024



Payette Soil and Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho authorities, powers and structure contained in Soil Conservation District Law, Title 22, Chapter 27, and Idaho Code. Payette SWCD was organized on February 26, 1958, to make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The district serves all of Payette County which is located within legislative district 9 and includes the cities of Payette, Fruitland, and New Plymouth.

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Board meets 3rd Wednesday
of each month

Our District Priorities

1. Information & Education
2. Water Quality
3. Irrigated Cropland
4. Fish & Wildlife
5. Rangeland

Funding 2024

Local Government	\$ 6,000
ISWCC	23,800
Grants	279,000
TOTAL	\$308,800

Board of Supervisors:

Jo Anne Smith, Chairman
Art Filice, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Riebe, Supervisor
Allen Schmid, Supervisor
Pat Kelly, Supervisor

Employees:

Carie Bronson-District Manager

Mission of the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District will work towards conserving and enhancing all natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of present and future generations in Payette County using educational, financial, and technical assistance to promote voluntary resource conservation practices.

Winner of Payette SWCD Pollinator Flower Arrangement



WQPA Underground Drain Replacement



2024 District Accomplishments

- **Annual Soil Health Symposium:** Over 120 people attended the 13th Annual Soil Health Symposium organized by Payette SWCD and partners Ada SWCD, Adams SWCD, University of Idaho, and USDA NRCS. Featured speakers presented soil health topics, 2 local producer panels shared their experiences implementing soil health practices, and the opportunities and challenges of the Innovative Agriculture and Marketing Partnership (IAMP) program were presented by the University of Idaho.
- **Lower Payette River, and Little Willow Creek TMDLs:** A FY2022 Federal 319 grant was completed in the Little Willow Creek watershed in 2024. A combined State Ag BMP and WQPA project was completed converting 35 acres of surface irrigated pasture to a center pivot, increasing irrigation efficiency by 45-55%, and improving water quality in the Lower Payette River which is a tributary of significance to the Snake River. Payette SWCD is working on a phased approach to update an aging drain that serves around 100 users and roughly 2300 acres, allowing drain water to be conveyed to alleviate ponding and sinkholes. The first phase updating a 140' section of failing concrete pipe was completed in 2024.
- **Outreach and Education:** Maintained district website www.payetteswcd.org District supervisors attended and provided input to USDA NRCS in a virtual Local Working Group meeting to identify local natural resource priorities for the federal agency. The district provided an educational display and sponsored a pollinator flower arrangement at the Payette County Fair in August 2024. District supervisors updated their board on Payette County Planning & Zoning issues related to local agriculture and natural resources.
- **District Operations:** The district maintained an independent, viable district office to provide efficient and effective service to the public. Supervisors attended IASCD Division III meetings, reviewed and approved their 5-Year Plan, and completed required district reports.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Payette Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:

2024

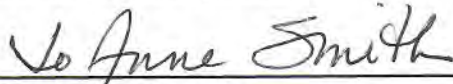
DUE :

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

Jo Anne Smith

Printed Name

December 20, 2024

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: