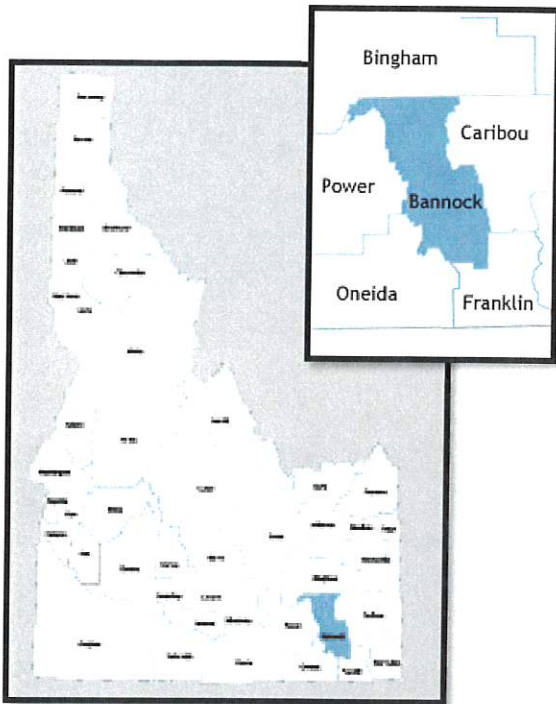


# PORTNEUF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



*Conserving Natural  
Resources for our Future*



To coordinate technical, financial, and education assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, and water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat.

## Conservation Projects

### Hawkin's Pipeline Project Phase 1



The Marsh Center Irrigating Company utilizes Hawkins Reservoir to provide water to approximately 3,220 acres of land through a conveyance system that includes 13.3 miles of open earth canals, ditches and natural stream channels. Phase 1 of this project installed 2 water control structures and converted approximately 5 miles of the system to pipeline. Phase 2 of the project is in the planning stages.

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*SWCD Board Meetings are held the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month*

### **Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns**

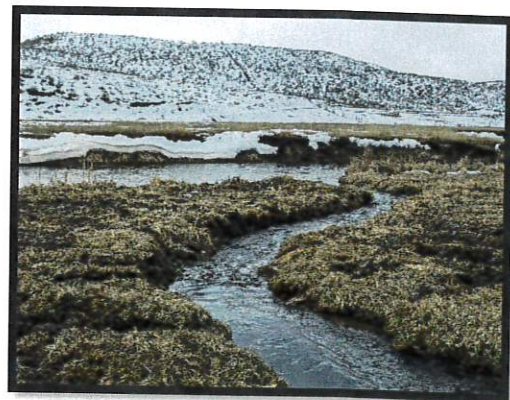
- Improve Water Quality and Quantity
- Improve Range Health
- Increase Riparian zone restoration
- Increase use of effective soil health practices
- Urban Conservation

### **FY 2024 Revenue**

Local General Services	\$ 19,500.00
State Services	\$ 41,181.52
Grant Funding	\$362,928.36
Interest Earnings	\$ 2,223.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$418,733.60</b>

## Mission Statement

### Cohn Creek Restoration Project



This project expanded upon recent efforts to restore the creek's natural morphology through a series of stream bank

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stabilization activities, including vegetative bioengineering, channel bed stabilization, the expansion of riparian vegetation, and the removal of three aquatic organism passage barriers. This project was completed February 2024.

## **Mud Springs & Dead Horse Project**

This project will remove several acres of brush and install 5 connected watering systems. Overall, this project will increase water in the area and allow land managers to control grazing, giving sensitive areas time to heal.

## **Pocatello Creek Restoration Project Phase 1**

This project will address the stream bank erosion issues for several landowners along Pocatello Creek. Project will include streambank stabilization and the overall improvement of the stream's health.

## **Dempsey Creek Improvement Project**

This project will replace a culvert that failed during a high-water year. The culvert had backed up and diverted around and across open farmland. The culvert was removed on an emergency DEQ permit, but now there is no access to the land across the creek. This project will install a bridge to replace the culvert and stabilize the creek.

## **Conservation Programs**

### **Owl Box Program**

Barn Owls offer an effective form of natural pest control that often provides better results than conventional trapping or poisons. The use of Barn Owls for pest control is also eco-friendly and requires little

to no maintenance. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates that it takes 3,000 gophers a year, plus mice and voles, to sustain a pair of owls and their young. To date the PSWCD has sold 44 Owl Boxes.

### **Conservation Loan Program**

The PSWCD offers conservation loans up to \$10,000 to landowners in Bannock County. Loans are offered at low interest rates and are a perfect match to be used with NRCS Programs.

### **Education & Outreach**

The PSWCD sponsored the State Land & Soil Competition, Two Pocatello High School Envirothon Teams, the State Forestry Competition, the Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair and The Beaver Dam Jam. The PSWCD performed outreach and education at Portneuf Environmental Fair and Beaver Dam Jam events, as well as published an annual newsletter that reach 1900 people and maintains both a Facebook and Website. The PSWCD hosted three free Living on the Land workshops and was on the Portneuf Environmental Fair Committee.

### **District Update**

<b>Portneuf SWCD Supervisors &amp; Staff</b>	
Kevin Koester	Chairman
Scott Henderson	Vice-Chairman
David Jackson	Treasurer
Justin Casperson	Supervisor
Brad Kent	Supervisor
Charity Staggs	Administrator



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**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Portneuf SWCD

FOR YEAR:

FY 2024

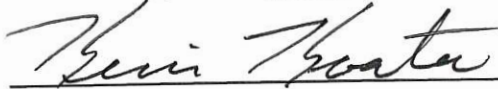
DUE :

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

**Kevin Koester**

Printed Name

9/11/2024

Date

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**