



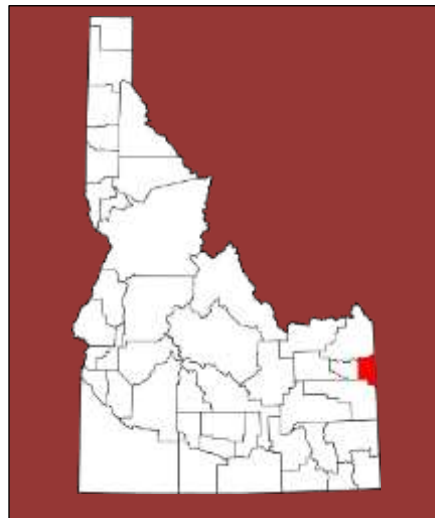
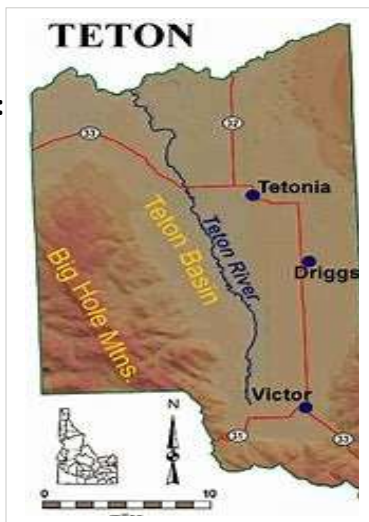
## TETON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

275 Old Railroad Way  
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**TWCD MISSION STATEMENT:** *To work with willing landowners in a non-regulatory manner to reduce erosion, protect water quality, improve air quality as well as fish and wildlife habitat, provide resources to landowners and conduct active information and education programs. Landowners receive technical assistance through that Natural Resource Conservation Service.*

### IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICE AREA:

County: *Teton*  
Cities: *4*  
Legislative Districts: *31*



### FY2024 At A Glance:

#### *Teton Soil Conservation District in the fiscal year of 2024*

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we hosted our annual **Farm Tour** which we do in partnership with the Teton County Fair Board and Friends of the Teton River. This year the Farm Bureau was involved with an interactive booth. Every year for the last 6 we have had this fun event that has gained popularity and is very well attended by the community. It's an amazing way to inform the community about the ag practices in the valley and the responsible ranchers and farmers we have

here. This year we had two buses and 72 community participants. TSCD tries to provide information that the community has shown an interest in, we conduct a survey every year to gauge the interests and concerns of the community.

The first presentation at the fairgrounds was by AJ Woolstenhulme who does farm work with the horse team and old implements from the early settlers. He provided information and brought his team to show us how it works. Photos below



We then loaded up the buses, we went to the Tibbets Ranch, Todd Tibbetts is a large animal veterinarian and rancher. He built a smart corral with the same tenets that Temple Grandin taught to calm cattle and create less work. The participants learned about the corral was able to walk through it and then he put a calf in the squeezer. Very interesting that he and his son can brand 200 cattle in 2 hours.

Our third stop was at the Arnold Seed Farm, where the family run business potato seed business and all that entails was explained to the group. The specific testing quality standards and impeccable product that must be produced to be able to sell anything. They then segued to their massive farm equipment, demonstrating the operations and effective use of machinery to harvest those seed potatoes.



We like to provide an educational and networking workshop every winter when down time is at a high. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we had a Producer Workshop combined with our partner the NRCS for their town hall meeting. We had Dale Strickler and Dr Elizabeth Heilman of Regenerative Wisdom. We had 45 participants.

**PRODUCER WORKSHOP & NRCS TOWN HALL MEETING**

**Featured Speakers:**  
Dale Strickler and Dr. Elizabeth Heilman of Regenerative Wisdom. Presentations will address drought resilience and obstacles hindering adoption of new practices.

NRCS town hall with program and funding updates will commence after lunch.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST 2024**  
9:00AM - 4:00PM  
FREE WORKSHOP  
LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP Please: [Will@tetonwater.org](mailto:Will@tetonwater.org) Driggs, Idaho Teton County Commissioners Room

Scan for Speaker Bio!



Usually, in late March we offer a Weed Workshop to educate the community and offer points for professional sprayers. We partner with Teton County for this presentation/educational presentation. This year they were in transition and did not have a Weed Manager, we were unable to offer this in 2024.



Our continuing success of our **Soil Health Program**- leasing the No till Drill to our local farms, we also reached many in the community leasing our Postmaster Seeder to smaller property owners, encouraging a local wildlife forage/grass mix healthy for the soil and wildlife. We had our first Hemp Farmer use our no till drill this last spring, we also had a group who is putting pollinating foliage along the old railroad system from Teton to Driggs, they are looking for 401c status and we thought that was a good use for our seeder. Many in the community are using the seeder and we have the no till out starting from when the snow thaws to when it freezes. Both are effective and important implements to offer, the district is currently discussing other implements that would be helpful to offer.



We did receive a WQPA grant in 2024 – Lynn was able to put in a pivot which will save water and will be more effective at supplying water to all parts of the field in question.



TSCD with a grant from our partner Friends of the Teton River, TSCD now offers a **scholarship fund** for *any* local producer for *enrollment and mileage* workshops involving new innovations for soil health and best practices in farming and ranching. Also includes conferences, Division Meetings etc. We want to encourage continuing education for AG in Teton County. Many of these workshops can involve travel and motel stays its our hope to make them more accessible to everyone.



*Teton SCD Supervisors: Nathan Penfold, Harley Hill, Robert Piquet, Ron Hansen, Lynn Bagley*



TSCD has been offering High School Scholarships to local Teton HS students. In 2023 we increased the scholarship to \$1000 and the board decided if more than



one applicant is qualified we could give more than one. We have given 2 scholarships since this program began.

### ***Teton Soil Conservation Team & Business***

#### **FY 2024 Revenue**

✓ Teton County ID	\$ 7,000.00
✓ State of Idaho- Base	\$14,500.00
✓ State of Idaho-	\$ 9,361.94
 Total Revenue	 <u>\$30,861.94</u>

#### **TETON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF:**

<i>J Lynn Bagley</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Robert Piquet</i>	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
<i>Harley Hill</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Ron Hansen</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>
<i>Nathan Penfold</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>

*Tina Dean – Office Manager, Outreach Coordinator*



IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: TETON

FOR YEAR:

FY24

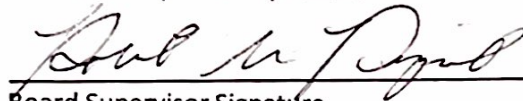
DUE :

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

Robert Piquet

Printed Name

12-20-24

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: