

WOOD RIVER

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: The second

District Priorities:

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Soil Quality Limitations
3. Degraded Plant Condition
4. Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
5. Forage Production
6. Pest Pressure
7. Air Quality
8. Insufficient Energy Use

2025 Revenue

County General Services	\$ 7,000.00
State Funding	\$ 25,079.28
Local Tree Sale	\$ 30,882.89
Rangeland Drill Rental	\$ 1,150.00
Pollinator Festival	\$ 1,000.00
Pocket Park (Community Garden)	\$ 3,500.00
Total District Funds	\$ 68,612.17

Future District Projects

- Tree Sale
- Arbor Day Plantings
- Rangeland Management
- Neher Park Conservation Workshop
- Trees Against the Wind Projects
- Pesticide Workshop
- High Tunnel Projects!
- Legislative Luncheon
- Capitol Display
- Speech Contest
- Poster Contest
- Envirothon
- Pollinator Festival
- Locally Led Meetings
- Town Hall Mtgs.
- Stewardship Week

SOIL MOISTURE WORKSHOP!



The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District along with the Gooding Soil Conservation District received a WQPA grant from the Soil and Water Commission in 2023 to purchase 70 Soil Moisture Probes for landowners in both districts. Together the district's felt it would be beneficial to follow up with all the 16 landowners, even though the project was completed in the 1st year. The district continued to work with Soiltech to better serve the landowners. This would give both insight and feedback on how the probes worked but also help answer questions and concerns about how the equipment and technology functioned. It was a great brainstorming session as most of the landowners spoke up. However, some said they wouldn't continue and decided to sell them, while others who were continuing with the project bought more.

Jarum Eghan and Misty Tucker, from Soiltech were on hand to replace antennas & batteries if needed, while again going over the phone app. and understanding the new technology. All who attended was grateful for the workshop.



Neher Park

5th grade Conservation Day!



Left: Courtney Cosdon, Soil Conservationist (Boise)
Andy West – Native Plant Specialist (Twin falls)
Karla Davis, Casey Kelley Rio Kerner-(Shoshone Fire Dept.)
Nathan Schutte – County Commissioner (History of N.P.)
Dani Roseman – SWC – Hydrology (Twin Falls Not Pictured)
The Wood River SWCD held their annual 5th grade Conservation Workshop on Oct. 15th. It was a chilly wet day, but we were grateful we had no wind. Neher Park is 2 miles east of Shoshone on Hwy 93/26. This is just a great venue to educate these students about the importance of our natural resources and environment. We had around 75 students, teachers & chaperones They learned the following: Hydrology, Soils, Native plants and pollinators, Fire Safety and the History of Neher Park.



Above: Karla Davis, Casey Kelley and Crew
Shoshone Fire Dept.

Right: Nathan Schutte
talking about the history
of Neher Park & more.



Below: Andy West,
Native Plants and Pollinators.



Dani Roseman



Courtney Cosdon





2025 FAIR DISPLAY

The Lincoln County Fair! "Iron Rails & Cowboy Tales"

The Wood River SWCD put together a display for the Lincoln County Fair. We highlighted projects such as cover crops, pivots and a pipeline that went in this year. We also honored Carl Pendleton, Chairman of the board who has served on the board for over 40 years.



Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Planting!

The WRSWCD District continues to celebrate Arbor Day along with the Lincoln County Commissioners, Mayor and City of Shoshone. Arbor Day was held in the Shoshone city park where we planted (Canada Red Cherry) trees and much needed native shrubs (Service berries) throughout the park. It was a great day and very productive!



POSTER CONTEST



"HOME IS WHERE THE HABITAT"

This year's Theme for Poster & Speech Contests!
Pictured are poster winners from Lincoln County 5th grade classes.

Presenter Derek Romer- NRCS Soil Con.
Dani Roseman – Soil Commission &
Barbara Messick, Admin. Asst.

PICTURED BELOW

Mayor, Dan Pierson – reading the proclamation
City Manager, Bill Hayes– giving history of the park
Fire Chief, Casey Kelley - planting trees!



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

Carl Pendleton	Chair	(208) 420- 6401	Shoshone, ID	83352
Kay Billington	Vice-Chairman	(208) 731-1511	Richfield, ID	83349
Dee Koonce	Sec / Treasurer	(208) 308 - 6413	Dietrich, ID	83324
Karen Sharpnack	Member	(208) 961-1514	Shoshone, ID	83352
Carolyn Aoi	Associate	(208) 308-5865	Shoshone, ID	83352

LOCALLY LED TEAM 10 MEETING

The Local Working group met Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the USDA office in



Gooding.

We entertained 10 individuals representing local agencies and landowners to give input and share their point of view.

Kay Hults, Chairman of the board opened the meeting and

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meeting included Gooding, Camas and

Lincoln Counties

(TEAM 10).

Katie Dennis, Resource Conservationist and Matt Rahko, helped direct the meeting.



EQIP PROGRAMS

The Wood River SWCD continues to partner with the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) in their efforts to support programs and projects such as EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program). Through cooperation with the NRCS and local conservation district, landowners can receive both financial cost-share and technical assistance to adopt conservation practices- such as improved irrigation systems and cover crops seen below.

Below is a picture of Branden Hughes kids in his field of cover crops (Oats, Peas and Barley) and his new Pivot north of Richfield.

The Hughes family had a very successful season and have benefited from governmental programs throughout the years.

The need to provide opportunities for the community continues to be essential, as we have offer projects, workshops and training.



Payton & Kross Hughes standing in a cover crop field waist high – Pivot!

2025 TREE SALE



The Wood River SWCD held their annual Tree Sale at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. We continue to purchase 100s of trees and shrubs for windbreaks, shelterbelts and snow fences. We couldn't do it without the community and local partners.

Trees are vital to our community in so many ways.

Trees improve air quality, provide shelter and habitat for the animals' help manage stormwater by absorbing rainfall, reducing runoff and prevent soil erosion. Trees can reduce stress, improve mental health, increase property values and save energy by shade and more.

Trees are essential as we have seen this past year with the high winds that we've encountered this past year. To salvage our soil and help with erosion it's even more important to grow trees!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden / Pollinator Park continues to flourish as a vibrant space for families,

children and neighbors. What began as a small green space has grown into a place to connect, wellness, and beauty. Each season brings new blooms, improved amenities and opportunities for outdoor recreation. This park is more than just a patch of green-it's a place where friendships are formed with laughter echoes, and our community thrives together.



2025 Pollinator Festival!



Pumpkin Painting at the Pollinator Festival!



Bags of corn donated by Flying Cow to make a sensory hands on place for kids to get their hands dirty.



Hope and Payton Hughes from Richfield, helping the Conservation District with painting pumpkins. They are very artistic and love the community. We can't thank them enough!

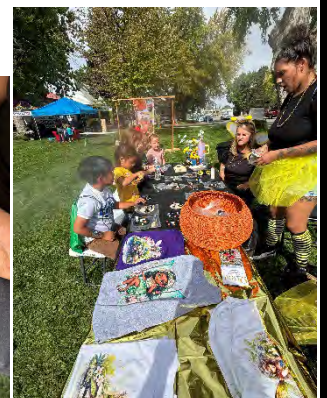
We had pumpkins grown from the Pocket Park in Shoshone but needed more so Beadz Farm in Gooding helped fill the need.

Thank you!



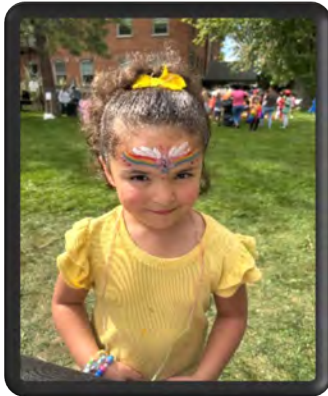
Educating students on pollination and what Bees can do for us was Jed McQuire and his Bee Hive –

The Twin Falls Botanical Garden – talked about Native Plants and more.



2025 Pollinator Festival!

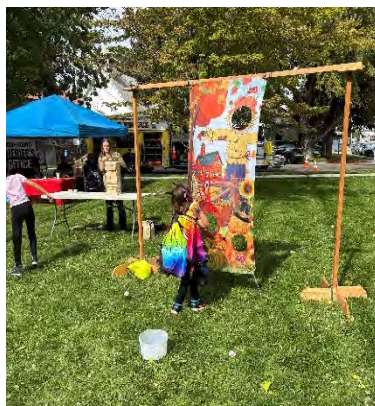
There were many activities and another stations like rock painting and fairy gardens. Kids painted pollinators on rocks also halloween decorations for their fairy gardens. Everything was free and kids could take them home or leave for the Pocket Park !



Below: Mashelle Barlow, Uof I 4-H leader brought a fun activity to the Festival. It was Lego Robots and how students could learn to program them to do certain things. The youth loved it and wanted to learn more.



Winners of the door prizes below:
Prizes were donated by:
Rail Street Emporium,
Ace Hardware and M&M Snack Bar!



SWCD's held their 5th annual Pollinator Festival, Friday, September 19th in conjunction with the Farmers Market Group. It was a huge success as the youth enjoyed pumpkin bowling, Tic Tac Toe, pumpkin sweeping, corn hole, a bounce house and so much more.



We also had B&C Sugar Blast students that are home schooled and making a little money for school supplies. They served Cotton Candy and Popcorn.



**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: WOOD RIVER SOIL &
WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

FOR YEAR:

FY-25


DUE :

December 20, 2025

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

CARL PENDLETON

Printed Name

11-12-2025

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