

**PORTNEUF SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



*Conserving Natural
Resources for our Future*



Conservation Projects

Cottonwood Valley Restoration Project

The CVRP aims to remove Juniper and other fuels on over 100 acres of rangeland near Swan Lake, Idaho. Fuels reduction will not only reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, but also improve grazing & water resources.

This project is funded in part by the Idaho Department of Lands in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service.



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*SWCD Board Meetings are held the
2nd 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 2019 Revenue

Local Funding	\$6,700.00
County General Services	\$15,000.00
State Services	\$44,979.11
Programs	\$9,504.00
Contracts	\$9,320.16
Interest Earnings	\$1,346.20
Total	\$86,913.67

Connor Academy

Since May 2018, the PSWCD has been working to install a windbreak and educational wetland at Connor Academy Charter School.

To date volunteers have planted over 300 conifers, shade and fruit trees on the campus. Dirt work for the Educational Wetland began this fall, we'll hope to fill the wetland with 2020 Spring Rain.





Conservation Programs

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.

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 42 Owl Boxes.



Drone Program

In partnership with Idaho State University the PSWCD is offering Drone Services to Landowners in Bannock County. Services include, 3D Mapping, Aerial Imagery and Plant and Animal Health Analysis. The partnership also gives ISU students the opportunity to work with local landowners for some real-world experience.



Conservation Outreach

Conservation Project Tour

The PSWCD, in partnership with the Portneuf Watershed Partnership which consists of over a dozen government agencies hosted a Conservation Tour highlighting some of the areas upcoming and completed conservation projects. The event was well attended and included several House Representatives and staff from Senator Crapo, Simpson and Risch's offices.

Environmental Fair

Nearly 5000 Pocatello residents passed through the 2019 Environmental Fair. The PSWCD was there to offer information about healthy soil and provide participants with their very own wormery.

Living on the Land Workshop Series

The PSWCD hosted it's first series of educational workshops geared toward small landowners and urban farmers. The 3-day series included presentations from USFS, USFWS, NRCS, Bannock County, ISWCC, ITD, BLM, IDL, IDWR & DEQ.

Conservation STEM Day

Along with ISU the PSWCD hosted its 2nd annual Conservation STEM Activity Day. Students learned how Drone Technology is used with Conservation Practices and even had the opportunity to fly drones over a conservation project.

District Update

The PSWCD continues to convert 79 years of history into digital format.

Portneuf SWCD Supervisors & Staff	
Kevin Koester	Chairman
Scott Henderson	Vice-Chairman
David Jackson	Treasurer
Kit Tillotson	Supervisor
John McNabb	Supervisor
Cali Johnson	Administrator



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	FOR YEAR: 2019
	DUE : December 20, 2019

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

12/19/19

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