

PORTNEUF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Celebrating 76 Years of Conservation



Fall foliage near Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

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Looking Ahead

Lava Trails Project

Phase 1 of the Lava Trails Project in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho is underway! Construction is expected to be finished up before Thanksgiving.

Phase 2 is in the planning stages and includes riparian exclusion fencing, a foot bridge along Main Street as well improved entrance and exit points along the Portneuf River.

This project aims to reduce sediment loads, provide safer access to those utilizing the Portneuf River and improve habitat and aesthetics.

A public meeting will be held at the Lava Hot Springs City Hall on **Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 5:00 PM** to discuss the Phase 2 project and gain input from the community.

For more information on this project or projects like this one, please contact our office at 208-237-4628 x11 or send email to: portneufswcd@gmail.com
You may also visit our website:
www.portneufswcd.weebly.com



"The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways."

- John F. Kennedy



A MESSAGE FROM THE PSWCD CHAIRMAN

The Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District, is happy to announce a **new loan program** for small conservation projects or as match on larger programs. These loans can be used for almost anything that involves conservation. It is our hope that this is a beginning of something that can benefit all of us. If we all do a little it adds up to a lot.

For more information call the PSWCD 237-4628 ext. 3.
Kevin Koester, Chairman PSWCD



Irrigation Water Management Workshop

Join us November 30, 2016 at the
Regional Fish & Game Office in
Pocatello, Idaho.

The PSWCD will be hosting an
Irrigation Water Management
Workshop. Registration will include
Lunch and Educational Materials.
Deadline to sign-up is November 23,
2016.

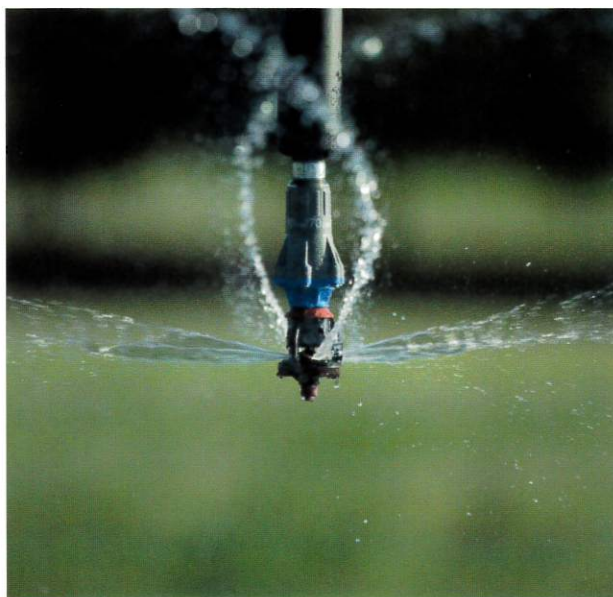
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IASCD 74th Annual Conference

The Idaho Association of Soil
Conservation Districts will hold it's 74th
Annual Conference November 15-18,
2016 at the Red Lion Hotel in Pocatello,
Idaho.

For more information on this event,
IASCD as well as contact information
can be found by contacting you local
conservation district or by visiting the
IASCD website at www.iascd.org



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Ag Days 2016



The Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District had the wonderful opportunity of participating at the 2016 Ag Days along with Farm Bureau, Bannock County Noxious Weed Department and the Forest Service.

Over 1200 Pocatello area 4th graders were guided across Swore Farms by local members of Future Farmers of America, where they planted maple tree seeds, learned where their pizza comes from, how potatoes are grown and even got lost in a corn maze.

Thank you to Farm Bureau for sponsoring the 3 day event and to Swore Farms for hosting the event and helping keep Agriculture in the Classroom.

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Portneuf River Vision Study

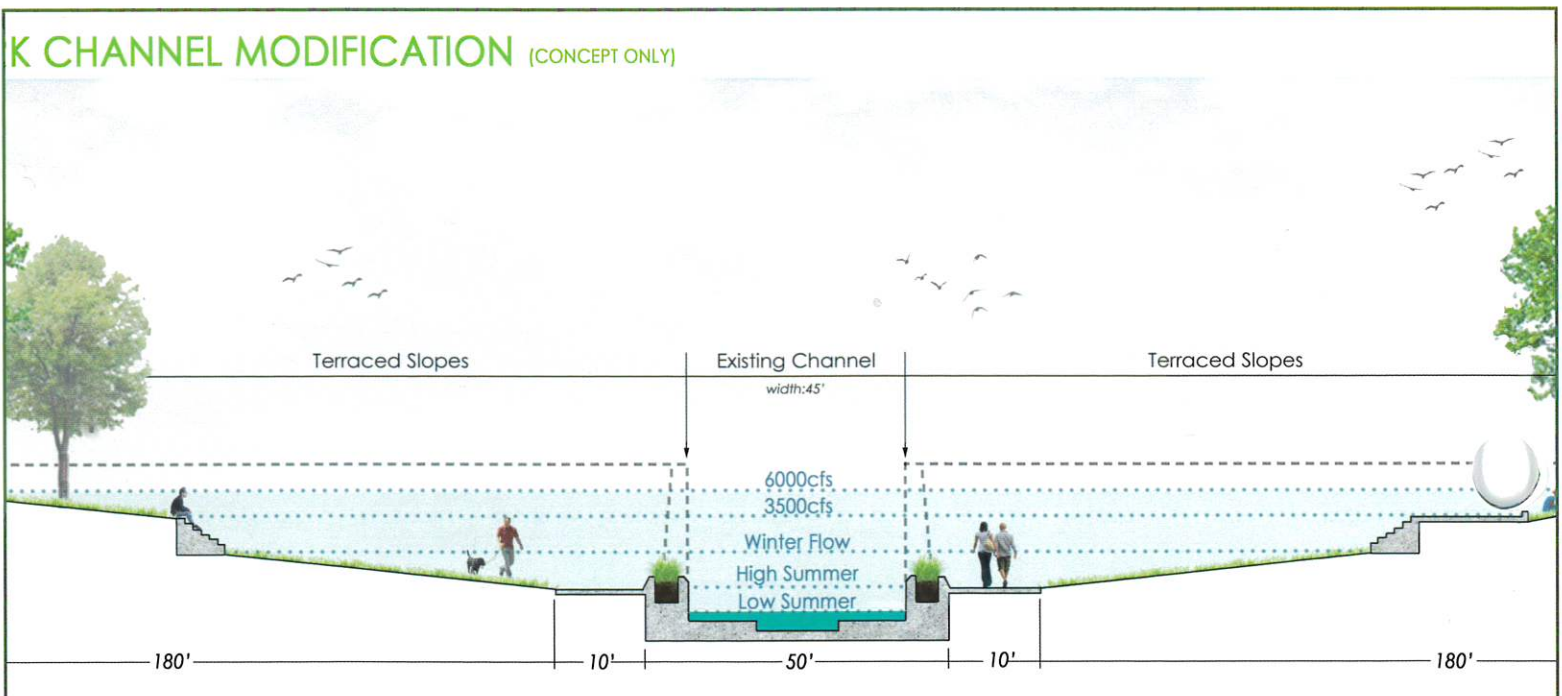
Pocatello residents want a healthy and accessible Portneuf River. Thanks to a yearlong community wide visioning effort, we have a vision of where the community wants to go.

The Portneuf River Vision Study describes this shared community vision for the Portneuf River from the Portneuf Gap to the Fort Hall Indian Reservation boundary. Recommendations are strictly voluntary, and are non-binding on landowners and land managers.



The Vision Study's collaborative planning process involved extensive and repeated public engagement and input. Thousands of community members provided valuable insights about the Portneuf's history, current conditions, and possibilities for the future.

Throughout the visioning process, residents consistently prioritized a future for the Portneuf River that improves water quality and ecosystem health and enhances recreation and access to the Portneuf. Residents want a functioning river that provides sustainable habitats, increases the amount of floodplain, improves water quality, and connects users with the river. They want a vibrant and valuable regional resource for all citizens to enjoy. In order for this vision to be realized, natural river functions must be restored.



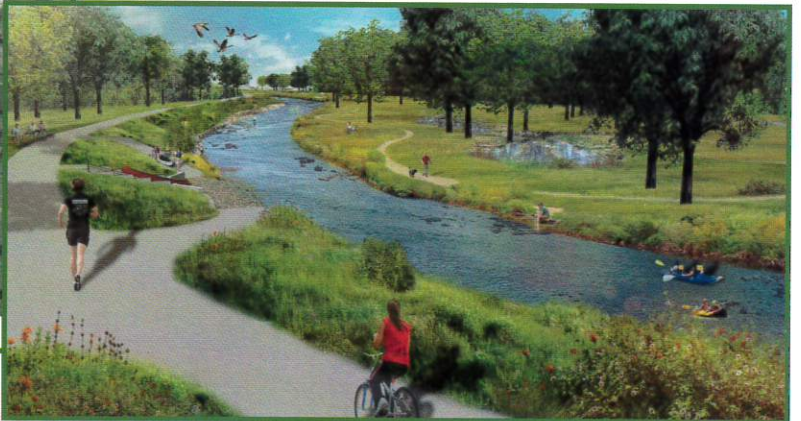
Envisioning the River's Future

These priorities, along with feasibility concerns related to upstream water quality and summer flow, winter flooding potential, implementation costs, and private property rights, were used to generate goals and recommendations, as well as a list of 30 potential projects.

Rainey-Centennial Park Concept



Bringing the Vision Study's recommendations to fruition will require ongoing engagement and support from landowners, government agencies, and many community members. A key component of the Vision Study is supporting existing and future stream restoration efforts by upstream landowners and groups such as the Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District. Learn more and get involved: <http://river.pocatello.us>



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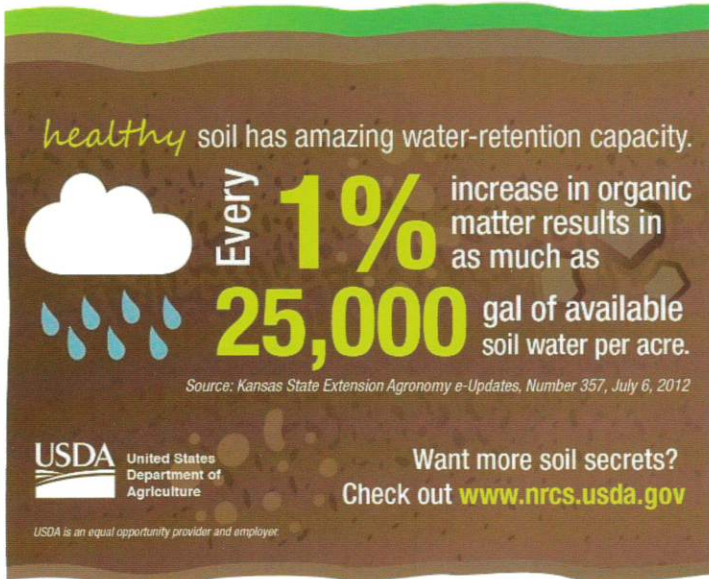
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NRCS News

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Idaho Soil Health Initiative

Reduce wind & water erosion and protect your soils from drought by implementing Soil Health practices such as Mulch Till, No-Till, and Cover Crops. The application deadline for 2017 has not been announced but will likely be in mid-November. Contact the Pocatello NRCS office for more information. (208) 237-4628 ext. 3



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Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative

Assists producers to extend the growing season for high-value crops in an environmentally safe manner. The practice has the potential to assist producers to address resource concerns by improving plant quality, improving soil quality, and reducing nutrient and pesticide transport. The application deadline for 2017 has not been announced but will likely be in mid-November. Contact the Pocatello NRCS office for more information. (208) 237-4628 ext. 3



Farm Service Agency News

Bannock County FSA would like to welcome Rebecah Cumming to the FSA staff. Rebecah will be over CRP, eligibility and crop reporting. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to you all meeting her.

Crop Reporting

Fall is here and it's that time of year to report your fall planting. Once you're done planting, please contact the office before December 15, 2016 to make an appointment and to avoid a late file fee. Please make note this date has been changed from November 15th to December 15th for 2017 and subsequent years even if you don't do crop insurance. This also includes any forage and pasture.

Crop Reporting Continuous CRP Sign-Up 50 Begins

The 2014 Farm Bill requires that beginning FY 2017, no more than 24 million acres can be enrolled in CRP. Current enrollment in CRP is approximately 23.0 million. Continuous signup 50 began October 1, 2016. There are a couple of options available and if interested please contact the office for more information.

FSA DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 1: NAP application deadline (perennial crops, annual planted mixed forage crops, and honey)
- December 15: Fall crop reporting deadline for all fall grains & forage crops (grazing, mixed forages, grass hay and alfalfa for hay. NOT including alfalfa for seed) (late file fee per farm will apply after this date).
- December 15: Margin Protection Program (MPP) 2017 signup deadline
- July 15: Spring seeded crop report deadline (a late file fee per farm will apply after this date).

CRP MID-Management

If your CRP contract expires 2020, just a reminder that 2017 is the last year to get your mid-management done. This needs to be done in order to be in compliance with your contract. Otherwise it can result in termination of the contract with penalties.

Reminder

Bannock County Weed Control Supervisor is David Herter and can be reached at: office-208-236-7409 or cell, 208-251-3083 or email dherter@bannockcounty.us





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November 2016	December 2016	January 2017
PSWCD Board Meeting November 9, 2016 Red Lion Hotel Pocatello, Idaho	PSWCD Board Meeting December 7, 2016 Café Tuscano Pocatello, Idaho	New Year's Day Observed January 2, 2017 Office Closed
IASCD Conference Nov. 15-18, 2016 Red Lion Hotel Pocatello, Idaho	FSA Crop Reporting Deadline December 15, 2016	PSWCD Board Meeting January 11, 2017 NRCS Office Pocatello, Idaho
Irrigation Water Management Workshop November 30, 2016 Fish & Game Office Pocatello, Idaho	Christmas Day Observed December 26, 2016 Office Closed	MLK Birthday January 16, 2017 Office Closed

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