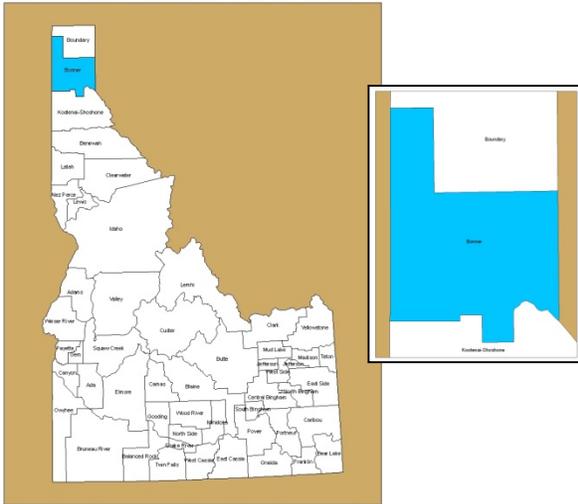


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 Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday

Top 4 Resource Priorities

1. Water Quality & Riparian
2. Timber & Woodland
3. Fish, Wildlife & Recreation
4. Traditional Ag, Grazing, Cropland

FY2015 Revenue/Return on Investment

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Federal Grants | \$ |
| State Funding | \$ 20,561 |
| County Funding | \$ 8,000 |
| State Grants | \$ 273,944 |
| Private Funding/Projects | \$ 58,889 |
| District Funds Administered | \$ 361,394 |
| Landowner/Volunteer Match | \$ 90,525 |
| TOTAL | \$ 451,920 |
| <i>ROI Local: 55.49% ROI State: 21.98%</i> | |

Recent Projects

Lake Assist (LAS) and Pend Oreille Basin Commission (POBC) Joint Projects:

- Priest River monitoring for nutrients
- Floating island launched at Waterlife Discovery Center pond to decrease phosphorous and nutrients in water. Monthly monitoring determines progress. Cost: Island \$1,100 ~ Plants \$100.



Tree Seedling Sale

- Conifer tree seedling sales increased from 34,970 in 2014 to 67,180 in 2015.

Boat Inspection Stations

- 3rd boat inspection station opened at Clark Fork ~ 2 mussel boats intercepted there.
- Albeni station also intercepted a mussel boat. Inspections totaled 12,553 up 3,438 over 2014 for Clark Fork, Albeni, & Samuels stations.
- Proceeds of aquatic invasive species sticker sales to ID Parks & Rec = \$51,625 (up \$2700) to help fund next year's AIS program.

Clark Fork Delta Restoration Project – ID F&G

- Over 10,000 willows were harvested for the Delta project, 8400 from the district willow nursery. Willows were planted in the spring, and despite the draught, plant success rate is very high. LAS coordinator is member of weed management team, NRCS DC is member of planting plan team.

Educational Programs

- U of I Extension Restoring Idaho Streams class with Bonner SWCD, NRCS, SWC, USFWS, & IDEQ. Morning instruction, afternoon tour of 2 BSWCD streambank restoration projects. 24 participants and interest for next year.
- Idaho State Forestry Contest: 410 students, 18 schools, 200 volunteers. Competition covers 10 forestry related areas.
- 20th Anniversary of Pend Oreille Water Festival: 400 5th graders, 5 sections of learning, 2-day event. Expanded NW Explorer station now includes orienteering, and expanded Water Quality station now includes aquatic invasives.



- Water Quality classes for 2nd & 3rd graders at the Waterlife Discovery Center – 10 classes.
- Realtors Class 2015: Collaborative effort by local agencies covering water quality, erosion, pollution prevention, land use laws and regulations, wetlands, floodplain & floodway issues, and septic regulations. 1st class was held in 2014 – both successful.
- Bonner County Farm Tour - Co-Sponsored tour with 2 buses: Flowering Rush Control & Hazards, Parnell Clydesdale Horse Ranch, Shingle Mill Blueberry Farm, Rocking-O Quarter Horse Ranch, and McGhee Ranch cutting & roping demonstration.
- Pack River Watershed Council: Semi-Annual newsletter for 300 residents, increased by 70.

Future Projects

Our focus will continue to be on projects, outreach, and education that protect the lakes, rivers, forests and soil of Bonner County.

- In FY2016 10,000 more willows from our Willow Nursery will be harvested for the Clark Fork Delta Restoration project.
- Partner with USFWS and Avista for a 3rd project on Grouse Creek.
- Monitor status of East Spring Creek fish hatchery decommissioning in preparation of submitting 319 grant for road and streambank stabilization along East Spring Creek Road.
- Projects next year include another UI stream health class and tour of stream restoration projects, managing 3 boat inspection stations, selling AIS stickers, the annual tree seedling sale, Pend Oreille Water Festival, Idaho State Forestry Contest, and Waterlife Discovery Center classes.
- Continue to help fund L*A*S program and prioritize projects and educational outreach events.
- Administer funding for Pend Oreille Basin Commission Coordinator through the state legislature. Continue monitoring water quality at Waterlife Discovery Center viewing pond.
- We will continue to work with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects within our county. Local work group meeting this year was again well attended and successful.

Board of Supervisors & Staff

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Harry Menser, Member
Linda O'Hare, District Administrator
Molly McCahon, L*A*S Coordinator
Erin Mader, POBC Coordinator
Jessica Erickson, Pack River WC Coordinator

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**PERFORMANCE
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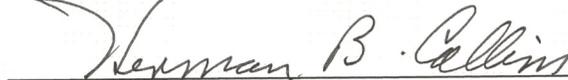
FOR YEAR: FY2015

DUE :
December 20, 2015

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

Herman B. Collins

Printed Name

November 3, 2015

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