



Gooding High School Wins Idaho 2018 Envirothon



1st Place Team

Sponsored by: Wood River SWCD

Team Members:

(Captain) Dale Shaw Advisors: Becky Frieberg
 Brett Larsen Tom Woodland
 Paige Larsen
 Trevor Jones
 Ana Martinez

2018 Idaho Envirothon

Gooding High School Captures 1st Place

Gooding High School Team B placed first in this year's Idaho Envirothon. The team was sponsored by the Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District. The final score reflected the results of a total of five teaching/testing stations: Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, Forestry and the Current Issue "Western Range Management, Balancing Diverse Views". The team won first place in Aquatics station (100), Current Issue station (95) and tied for first in Wildlife station (100). Their total score including test scores and their oral round final presentation score was 543.2. Gooding High School has competed for many years bringing two to three teams each year to the Idaho Envirothon. Advisors Becky Frieberg and Tom Woodland have coached many winning teams. The team will now advance to the NCF Envirothon hosted in Pocatello Idaho this year from July 22 to July 28. Team members will spend the early part of their summer preparing to compete in the International event hosted at Idaho State University.

The same committee that hosted the Idaho Envirothon will spend their summer planning the NCF Envirothon and is excited to bring 55 to 60 teams from across the United States, Canada and as well as teams from China to Idaho. For more information about this program go to <https://www.envirothon.org/>

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District Team Sponsors: Ada SWCD, Butte SWCD, Custer SWCD, Gooding SCD, Jefferson SWCD, North Side SWCD, Valley SWCD, Weiser River SCD, Wood River SWCD.



THANK YOU STATION PRESENTERS



Dinah Reaney, Natural Resources Conservation Service



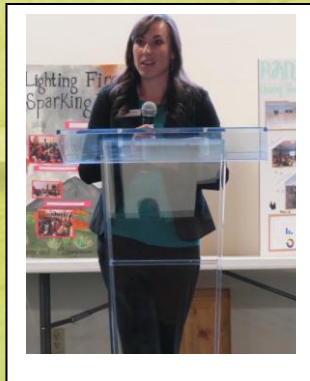
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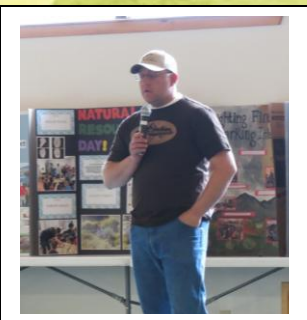
Sharon Bradley, USFS Retired



Lynn VanEvery, Idaho DEQ



Rosana Rieth, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service



Chris Banks, Conservation Basics Idaho Envirothon Chairman

The 2018 Envirothon was held at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis, Idaho. For more information www.livingwatersranch.org

This year's Event was sponsored by the **Idaho Envirothon Committee**
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WILDLIFE STATION

Mike Demick- Idaho Department of Fish & Game

Mike Demick works for IDFG as an Easement/Water Rights and Communications Manager based in Salmon. He primarily works extensively with landowners, irrigators, and Federal partners on fish passage and habitat projects. Mike has worked for the department for over 23 years, the last six as the Information Supervisor at Headquarters. Prior to that, he spent 11 years as the Clearwater Region's Conservation Educator in Lewiston and six years as the Southeast Region's Volunteer Services Coordinator in Pocatello. Mike grew up in Idaho Falls on a small farm and has family roots in the Salmon Region. When not working, he enjoys a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities, restores furniture, reading and spending time with friends and family. Mike holds an M.S., in Biology and Mass Communications from Idaho State University.

SOILS/LAND USE STATION

Dinah Reaney, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Dinah graduated from University of Idaho with a B.S. Degree in Environmental Science and a minor Soil Science in 1998. She has worked for NRCS as a Soil Conservationist and Soil Conservation Technician in Idaho for 14 years, and previously as an Environmental Scientist for Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for 6 years. Dinah was born and raised on a ranch in Emmett Idaho and now lives in Rupert Idaho. She enjoys her spending time with family, doing outdoor activities such as hiking and boating, riding horses, and traveling to horse shows.

FORESTRY STATION

Sharon Bradley, Retired Forester - USFS Forest Service was born and raised in Idaho, received a degree in Forest Resource Management from the U of I. She has held positions in several western states, most recently in the Challis/Salmon National Forest. As a forester, Sharon's duties included all aspects of forestry and silviculture – such as reforestation, forest thinning, timber sales, recreation, trail and watershed programs, and firefighting operations. Retired after 33 years, Sharon is active in many youth and horse related organizations, including Envirothon.

AQUATIC ECOLOGY STATION

Lynn Van Every - Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Lynn has over 25 years of experience as a water quality specialist. Lynn is the South East Idaho Regional Manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Lynn loves being outdoors, riding bikes and horses, teaching students, and most of all spending time with his family. Lynn plays a vital role in conservation throughout southeast Idaho, and his opinion, knowledge, and skills are relied on by other agencies, landowners, and other partners regularly. Lynn's easy going demeanor and witty personality make it easy to work alongside him, we are lucky to have him for the Aquatics instructor.

WESTERN RANGELAND MANAGEMENT

Rosana Rieth-USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Rosana Rieth, Rangeland Management Specialist, was born and raised on a ranch in the Challis area. In high school she had the opportunity to be active in the Envirothon Program and competed in the state and national competition. Her interest in natural resources led her to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management from the University of Idaho. During college, she interned in the summers for the Custer SWCD and NRCS through the student employee program. After graduation, she started working full-time for NRCS in the Challis Project Office, where she has been for the last 7 years. Working for NRCS has given her the opportunity to give back to the community that supported her through years and she feels fortunate to be living and raising a family in such a beautiful landscape.



SECOND PLACE

Rigby High School

Sponsored by: Jefferson SWCD

Team Members:

Jordan Gardner
Dalton Johnson
Alesha Kisner
Aubrey Scott
Brock Godfrey

Advisors:

Lex Godfrey
Rachelle Godfrey



THIRD PLACE

Gooding High School A

Sponsored by: Gooding SWCD

Team Members:

Jennifer Pineda
Tori Anderson
Emma Jeske
Callie Graves
Cassie Woodland

Advisors:

Becky Freiberg
Tom Woodland

FOURTH PLACE

Challis High School

Sponsored by: Custer SWCD

Team Members:

Kacie Hewitt
Katie Hewitt
Merritt Philps
Jessie Riding
Sierra Somerville

Advisors:

Pam Wilson
Rebecca Auwen



FIFTH PLACE

Weiser High School - B

Sponsored by: Weiser River SCD

Team Members:

Philip Soulen
Llane Gibson
Riata Chandler
Estaban Rivera
Grace Soulen

Advisors:

Megan Overgaard
Stuart Nesbitt



A Big Thank You to our Many Volunteers

Final Round Judges: Norman Wright, (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Robert Griffel* Jon Bennetts, (*Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission*)* Jerry Raynor (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)* Joshua Uriarte, (*Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation*). **Preliminary Round Judges:** * Mark Olson, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)* Becky Coffey (*Lemhi Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Tim Dodds (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*) * Jesse Fulmer, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*) Ashley Lohmeyer (*U of I Extension Service*) * Benjamin Kelly, (*Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*)* Lynn Bagley (*Teton Soil Conservation District*)* Zina Wollcott (*Friends of the Teton River*)* Kathy Wright, *Pam Hogan (*Idaho National Engineering Laboratory*) *Jane Sandstrom (*Lemhi Soil & Water Conservation District*) Rob Sharpnack (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Karen Sharpnack (*Wood River SWCD*) *Brian Hamilton, (*US Bureau of Reclamation*) *Tanna Fullenkamp, (*Idaho Department of Water Resources*) **Conservation Project Judges:** Veronica Pasi, (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Pauline Bassett, (*Caribou Soil Conservation District*) *Kathy Wright **Planning Committee:** Chris Banks, Chairman (*Conservation Basics*)* Lynn Bagley, (*Teton SCD*)* Tamra Cikaitoga, (*Yellowstone Soil Conservation District*)* Kathy Weaver, (*East Side Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Frances Perkes, (*Butte Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Mindy Hawley (*Butte Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Cali Johnson, (*Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Pegi Long (*Power Soil Conservation District*)* Leigh Love (*Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Pauline Bassett (*Caribou Soil Conservation District*)* Shawn Banks, (*Conservation Basics*)* Tina Dean, (*Teton Soil Conservation District*)* Steven Smith (*Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*)* George Hitz (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Alan Johnson (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Robbie Taylor (*Madison/Clark SWCD*)* Jennifer Saathoff (*Jefferson SWCD*)* Kit Tillotson & *Matt Woodard (*Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*) Robbie Taylor, (*Madison and Clark SWCD*)

Individual Station Winners

Forestry — Weiser High School

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Soils — Challis High School

Sponsored by Custer SWCD

Wildlife — Four Way Tie

Gooding High School B, Cascade High School, Rigby High School

and DeHryle Dennis Technical Center

Sponsored by Wood River SCD, Valley SWCD

Jefferson SWCD and Ada SWCD,

Aquatics/Ecology – Gooding High School B

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Current Issue — Gooding High School B

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Idaho Conservation Districts

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