



**Weiser High School Wins  
Idaho 2016 Envirothon**



Back: Megan Overgaard (Advisor), Trayce Hawkins, Philip Soulen, Grace Zimmerman, Steward Nesbit (Advisor), Kelsi Hemphill, (Front) Maggie Laan and Ali Reed

Weiser High School Envirothon Team will attend the 2016 North American Envirothon in Ontario Canada July 24 through July 29<sup>th</sup>. The event will be

# 2016 Idaho Envirothon

hosted at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. The Current Issue topic for this year's State and International event is "Invasive Species: a challenge to the environment, economy and society." The Weiser teams have been a very competitive group of students from the earliest years of the Idaho Envirothon and always bring a great group of students who are also active in FFA. Congratulations to the Weiser team and to their advisors. Approximately 80 students and advisors attended the 2016 event held at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis Idaho.

The team was sponsored by the Weiser River Soil Conservation District who will continue to work with the students to prepare for the North American Envirothon Competition.

Butte High School  
Spirit of  
Envirothon Award



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- \*Agrium, \*Conservation Basics, \*Cascade Earth Sciences, \*Bonneville County Cattle Association, \*Highlands CWMA, \*Idaho Barley Commission, \*Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, \*Idaho District Employee Association, \*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, \*Idaho Barley Commission, \*Idaho Mining Association, \*Idaho Power Company, \*Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, \*Idaho Community Foundation, \*Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association, \*J. R. Simplot Foundation, \*Living Waters Ranch, \*Northwest Farm Credit, \*Organic Valley Mountain Dairy, \*Natural Resources Conservation Service, \*K & S Fencing, \*Frank and Kathy Weaver.**



## Thank You Station Presenters

### WILDLIFE STATION

#### Gregg Losinski - Idaho Department of Fish & Game

Gregg is the Regional Conservation Educator for the Upper Snake Region of the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. He has worked in Idaho over 33 years, the last 24 at IDFG, the first 9 at ISU. Gregg has been in the Upper Snake Region for over 20 years. During this time he has been part of the team that is working to delist the grizzly bear in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Recently he has been helping with brown bears in the Carpathian Mountains of Slovakia. Gregg attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for a Bachelor's Degree in Scientific Land Management and worked for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service. Gregg has a Master's in Education from ISU.

### SOILS/LAND USE STATION

#### George Hitz, Water Quality Resource Conservationist, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission:

George graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. Degree in Crop and Soil Science in 2002. He has worked for NRCS as a Soil Scientist in Wyoming and Alaska, as an Agronomist/Natural Resource Specialist for the Fairbanks SWCD in Alaska, and has been a Certified Crop Advisor for the past 7 years. George and his family recently moved to Southeastern Idaho from Montana and started working for ISWCC this past winter. He enjoys spending time with family, hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening, and traveling.

### 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 2016 Idaho Envirothon as the Aquatics instructor.

### INVASIVE SPECIES

#### Jeffery Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed Control Supervisor

Jeffery has been the County Weed Superintendent (CWS) at Bonneville County Weed Control since 1999. As the CWS he has managed the 1,000 miles of county roads and County owned properties. He also implements the Idaho State noxious weed law over a jurisdiction of 1.2 million acres. Prior to this position he spent 10 years as a Vegetation Management Specialist with Wilbur-Ellis Company where he worked Vegetation/Rangeland/Non-Crop Land Managers, as well as Turf and Ornamental Nursery and Golf Course turf managers. He graduated from Idaho State University with a B.S. degree in Biology. He has a wife of 20 years and two daughters who are always rolling their eyes at him.



*George Hitz, ISWCC*



*Gregg Losinski, IDFG*



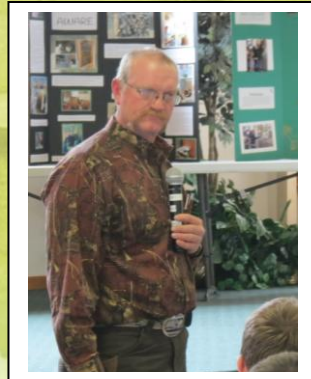
*Sharon Bradley*



*Lynn VanEvery, Idaho DEQ*



*Chris Banks, Conservation Basics  
Idaho Envirothon Chairman*



*Jeffery Pettingill, Bonneville  
County Weed Control Supervisor*

The 2016 Envirothon was held at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis, Idaho. For more information [www.livingwatersranch.org](http://www.livingwatersranch.org)

This year's Event was sponsored by the  
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**FOURTH PLACE**

**Mountain View High School**

*Sponsored by: Mountain View H.S.*

**Team Members:**

Clayton Christensen (Captain)  
Mollie Hiscox  
Megan Bull  
Karlyn Roberts  
Katie Putzier

**Advisor:**

Trish Stokes



**SECOND PLACE**

**Skyline High School**

*Sponsored by: West Side SWCD*

**Team Members:**

Alex Reed (Captain)  
Heather Casper  
Stephen Casper  
Phill Ma  
Keaton Roberts

**Advisors:**

Emily Hoadley  
Stephen Hoadley



**FIFTH PLACE**

**Gooding High School - B**

*Sponsored by: Wood River SWCD*

**Team Members:**

Derik Wright (Captain)  
George Parker  
Cassie Woodland  
Yanet Rosales  
Jennifer Pineda

**Advisors:**

Becky Freiberg  
Tom Woodland  
Alt: Diana Avila



**THIRD PLACE**

**Gooding High School - A**

*Sponsored by: Gooding SCD*

**Team Members:**

Bailey Price (Captain)  
Kassidy Davis  
Paige Ogden  
Tori Anderson  
Tyra Ruser

**Advisors:**

Becky Freiberg  
Tom Woodland  
Alt: Sarah Shadwick



## A Big Thank You to our Many Volunteers

**Final Round Judges:** Norman Wright, (Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission)\* Amy Cassel, (Idaho Department of Water Resources)\* Robert Griffel\* Gretchen Hyde, (Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission)\* Curtis Elke, (Natural Resources Conservation Service)\* **Preliminary Round Judges:** Benjamin Kelly, (Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts)\* Larry Weeks, (Idaho Department of Fish and Game)\* Shannon Williams, (Lemhi County Extension)\* Sarah Baker, (Custer County Extension)\* Jolie Turek, (Custer County Economic Development)\* Mark Olson, (Natural Resources Conservation Service)\* Jessie Fulmer, (Natural Resources Conservation Service)\* Nate Matlack (Natural Resources Conservation Service)\* Kim Olson, (Lemhi After School Promise)\* Becky Coffey, (Lemhi Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Todd Transtrum, (Bear Lake County Weed Supervisor)\* Allan Johnson, (Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission)\* **Conservation Project Judges:** Cali Johnson, (Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Rosana Reith, (Natural Resources Conservation Service)\* Lisa Transtrum, (Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District)\* **Planning Committee:** Chris Banks, Chairman (Conservation Basics)\* Lynn Bagley, (IASCD Director/Teton SCD)\* Tamra Cikaitoga, (North American Envirothon Committee, Idaho & 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)\* Lisa Transtrum (Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Pauline Bassett (Caribou Soil Conservation District)\* Karma Bragg, (Custer Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Shawn Banks, (Conservation Basics)\* Jennifer Saathoff, (Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Joyce Smith (East & West Side Soil & Water Conservation Districts)\* Tammy Rice, (Custer Soil & Water Conservation District)\* Tina Dean, (Teton Soil Conservation District)\* Steven Smith (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality)\* Kerry Christiansen, (North & Central Bingham Soil & Water Conservation Districts).

### Individual Station Winners

**Forestry—Gooding High School -Team A**

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**Soils—Weiser High School**

*Sponsored by Weiser River SCD*

**Wildlife— Gooding High School -Team A**

*Sponsored by Gooding SWCD*

**Aquatics/Ecology -Skyline High School**

*Sponsored West Side SWCD*

**Current Issue— Mountain View and Gooding High School B**

*Sponsored by Mountain View High School and Wood River SWCD*

**Conservation Project - Weiser High School**

*Sponsored by Weiser River SCD*

### 36 Contributing Soil and Water Conservation Districts

\*Adams SWCD (Council) \* Balanced Rock SCD (Twin Falls) \* Bear Lake SWCD (Montpelier) \*Blaine SCD (Carey) \*Bonner SCD (Sandpoint) \* Boundary SCD (Bonners Ferry) \*Butte SWCD (Arco) \* Canyon SCD (Caldwell) \*Caribou SWCD \* Clark SCD (Rexburg) \* Custer SWCD (Challis) \* East Cassia SWCD (Burley) \* East Side SWCD (Idaho Falls) \* Elmore SWCD (Mountain Home) \*Gem SWCD (Emmett) \*Gooding SCD (Gooding) \* Idaho SWCD (Grangeville) \*Jefferson SWCD (Rigby) \*Latah SWCD (Moscow) \*Lemhi SWCD (Salmon) \* Madison SCD (Rexburg) \*North Side SWCD (Jerome) \*Minidoka SWCD (Rupert) \* Oneida SWCD (Malad) \*Portneuf SWCD (Pocatello) \* Power SCD (American Falls) \*South Bingham SCD (Aberdeen) \*Snake River SWCD (Twin Falls) \*Squaw Creek SCD (Emmett) \*Teton SCD (Driggs) \* Twin Falls SWCD (Twin Falls) \* Weiser River SCD (Weiser) \* West Cassia SWCD (Burley) \* West Side SWCD (Idaho Falls) \*Wood River SWCD (Shoshone) \*Yellowstone SWCD (St. Anthony)

### Idaho Conservation Districts

District's are a subdivision of state government led by locally elected supervisors that serve voluntarily to assist private landowners with conservation & wise use of natural resources.

Stay tuned for a "Life on the Range" video by Steve Stuebner

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