



# Idaho's Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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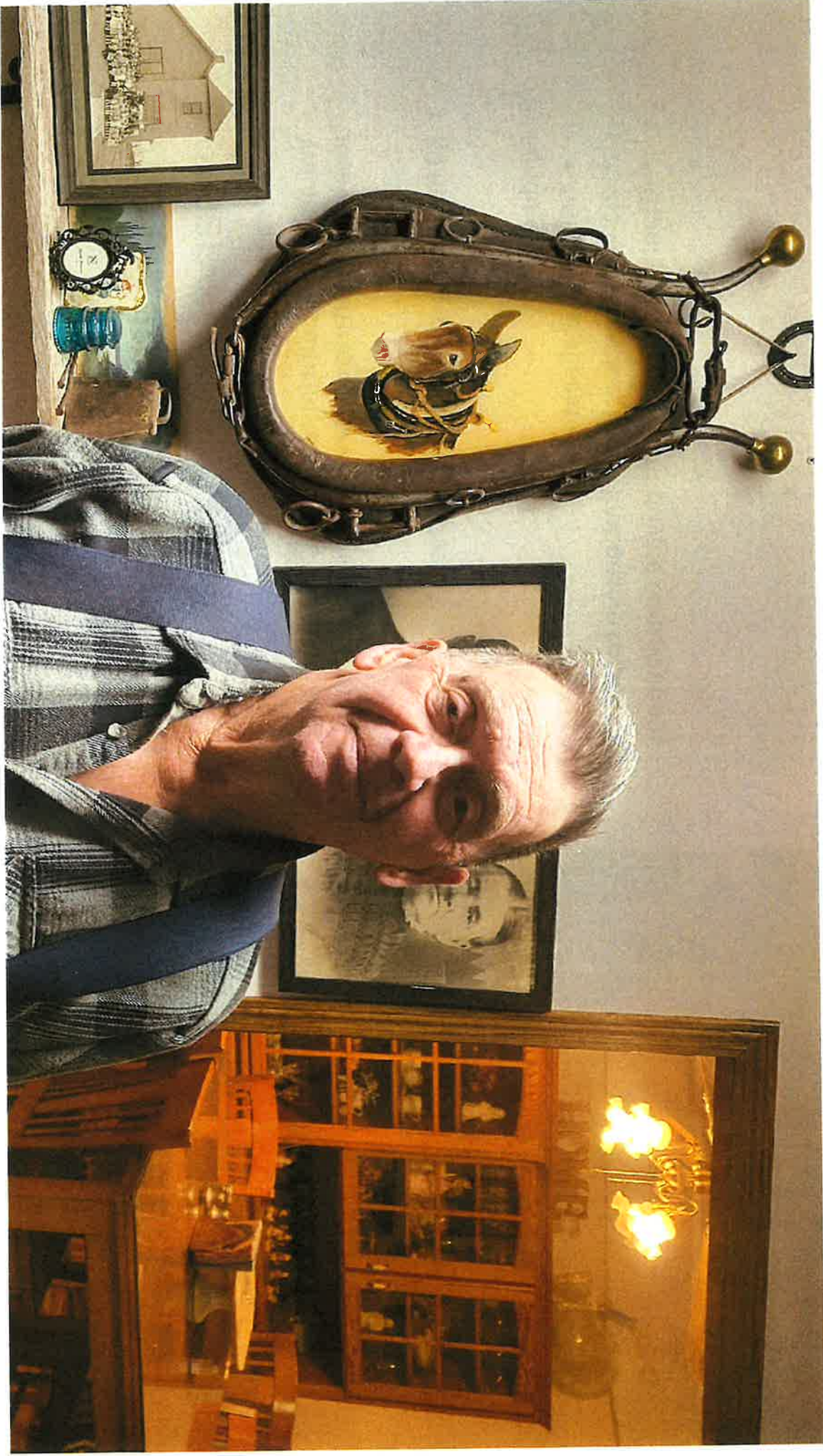
# Three Simple Questions

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- Who are soil and water conservation districts?
- What do we do?
- Why do we do it?

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# Who are Idaho's soil and water conservation districts?

- We are elected officials who strive for voluntary, locally led, non-regulatory conservation in Idaho.
- 50 districts currently cover the state.
- Funding
  - \$8500 base allocation
  - 2:1 match for local contributions up to \$50,000
  - Grants and industry and private contributions



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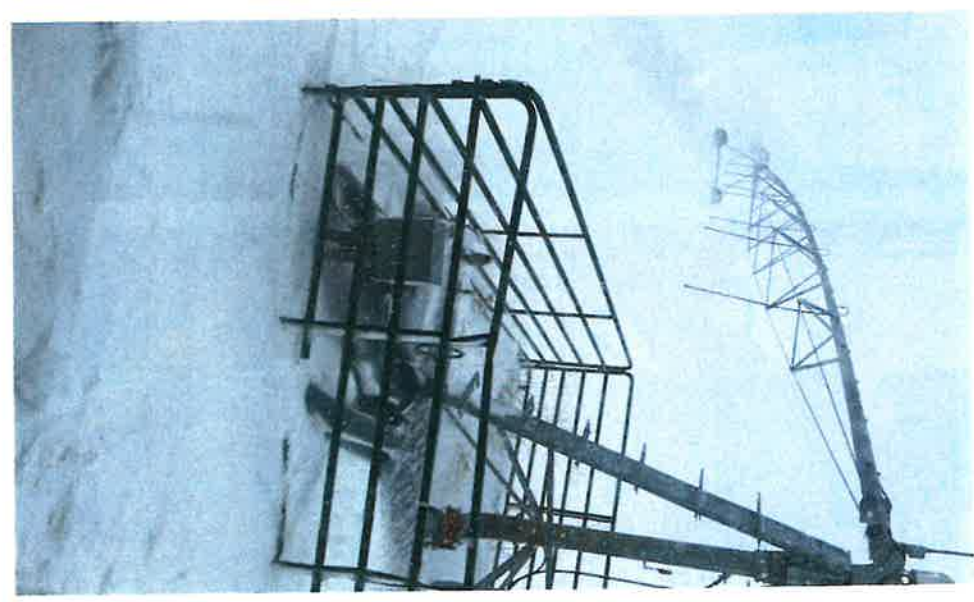
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# What Do We Do?

- We serve as intermediaries and advocates for conservation on private ground in Idaho.
  - We seek partnerships between landowners, state, and federal agencies.
    - USDA – NRCS
    - Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission
    - Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- This could look like irrigation projects, cover crops, stream bank remediation, or reforestation.

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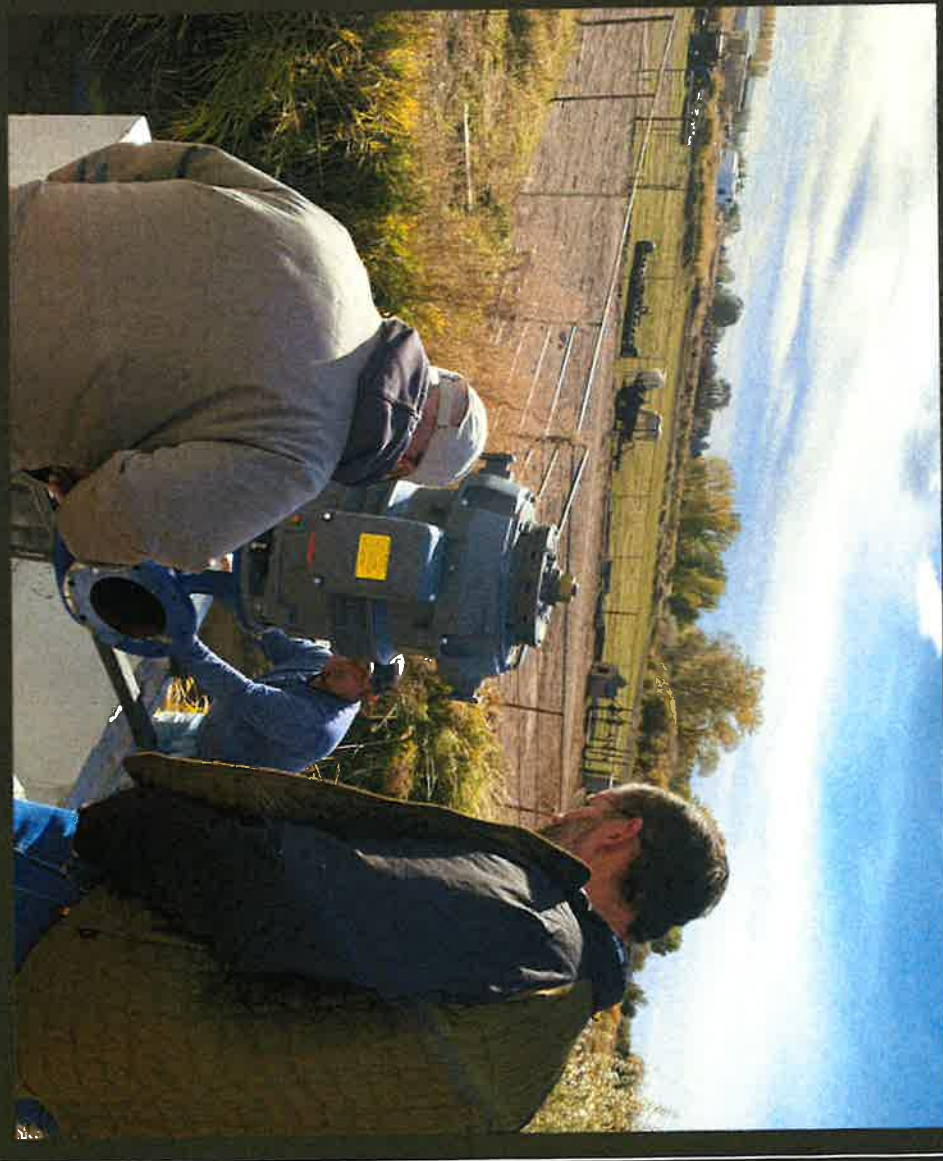
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# Why do we do it?

- Food production, forestry, and mining account for about \$4.5 billion in Idaho's economy
  - Conservation ensures that these vital natural resources will be available for generations to come
- Generations like these....

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# In Conclusion

- We strive to implement voluntary, locally led, non-regulatory conservation in Idaho
- We do this by partnering with individuals, industry, and government
- We do this because we believe stewardship of our natural resources will ensure the success of our state for generations to come

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