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Idaho's Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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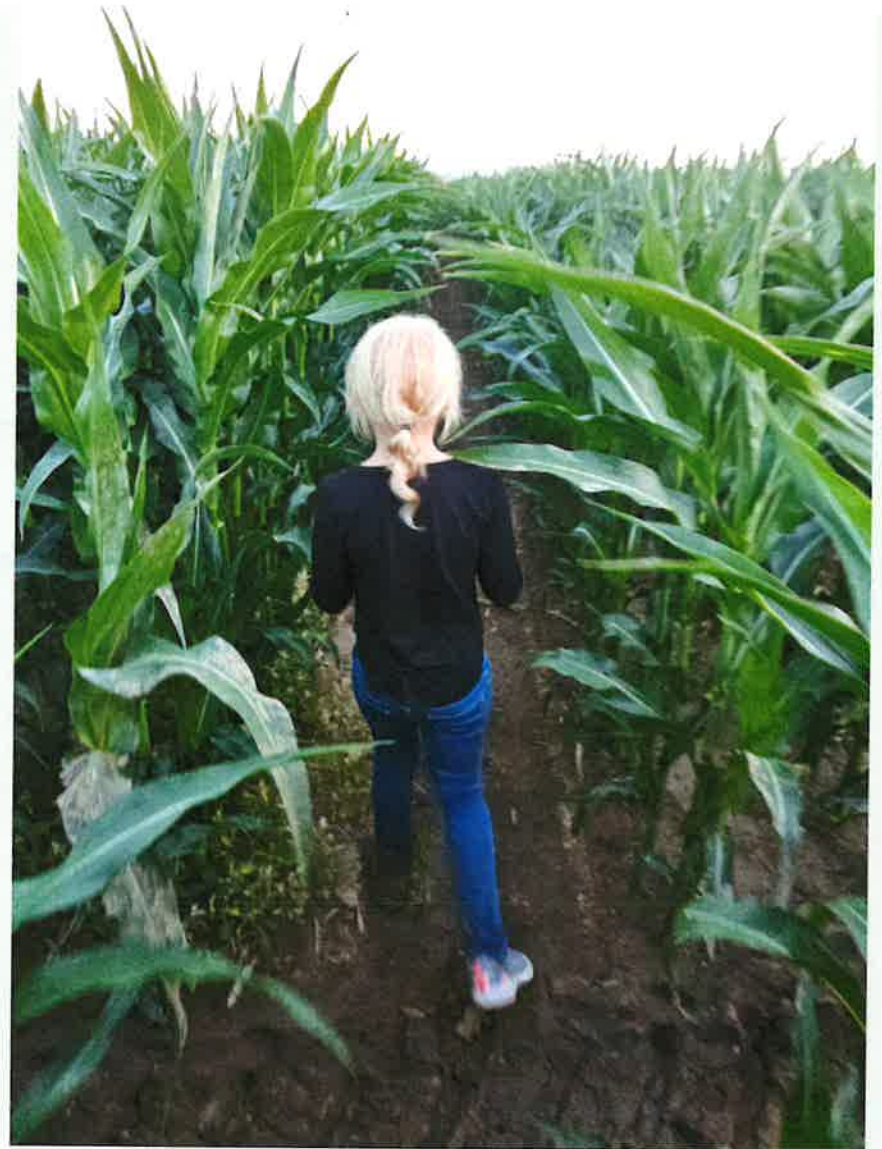


Three Objectives

- A Quick Recap
- What are we up to?
- Where are we going from here?

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
 - \$6000 operations allocation
 - 2:1 match for local contributions up to \$50,000
 - Grants and industry and private contributions



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Our Mission

- 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.

What Are We Up To?







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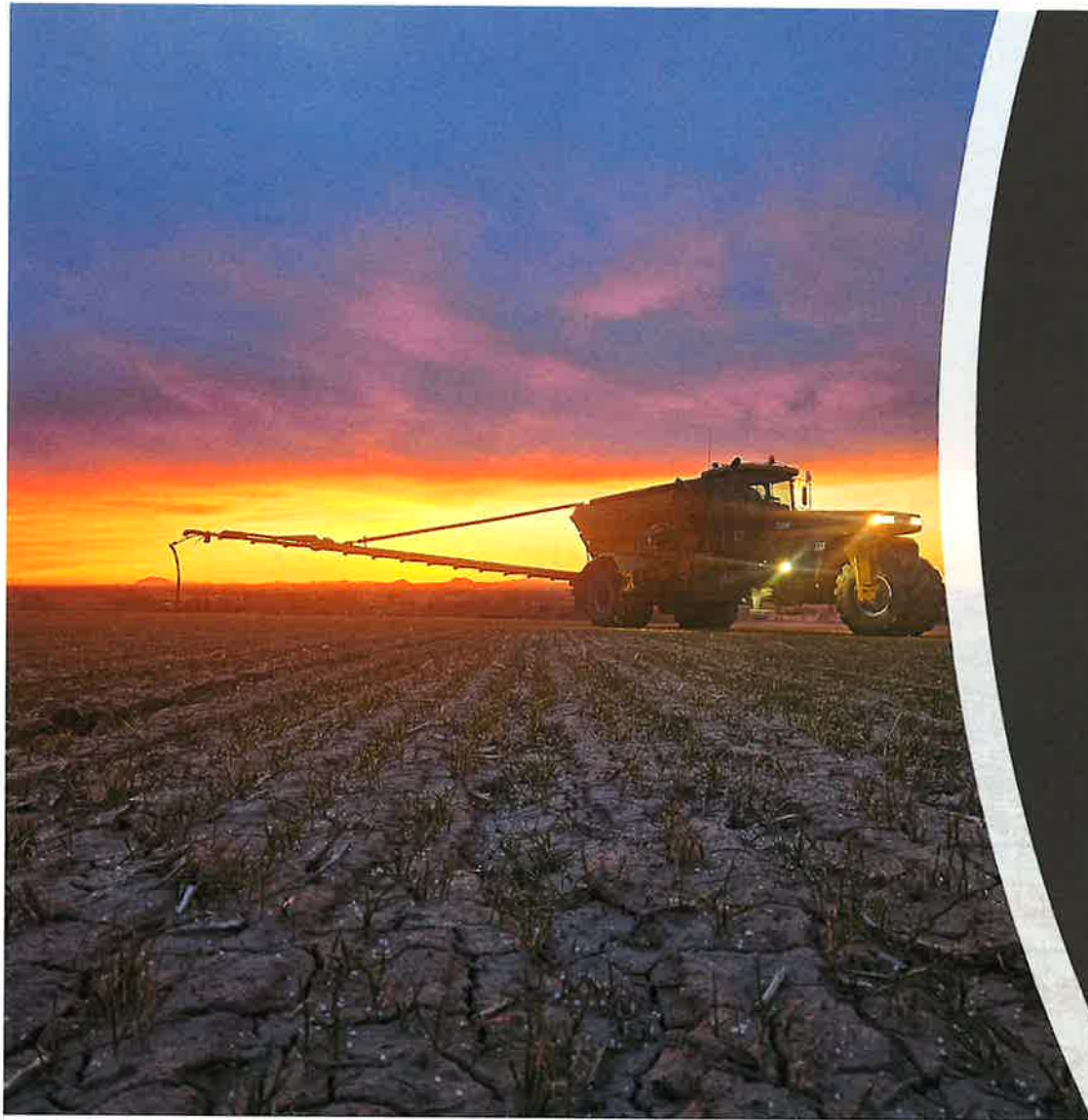
Water Quality Program for Agriculture

- Two State appropriations of \$5 million each
- JFAC Budget Includes \$1 Million
- These programs vary from irrigation efficiency to stream bank work

Innovative Agriculture and Marketing Partnership (IAMP)

- \$55 Million grant to the University of Idaho
- \$22 Million through IASCD

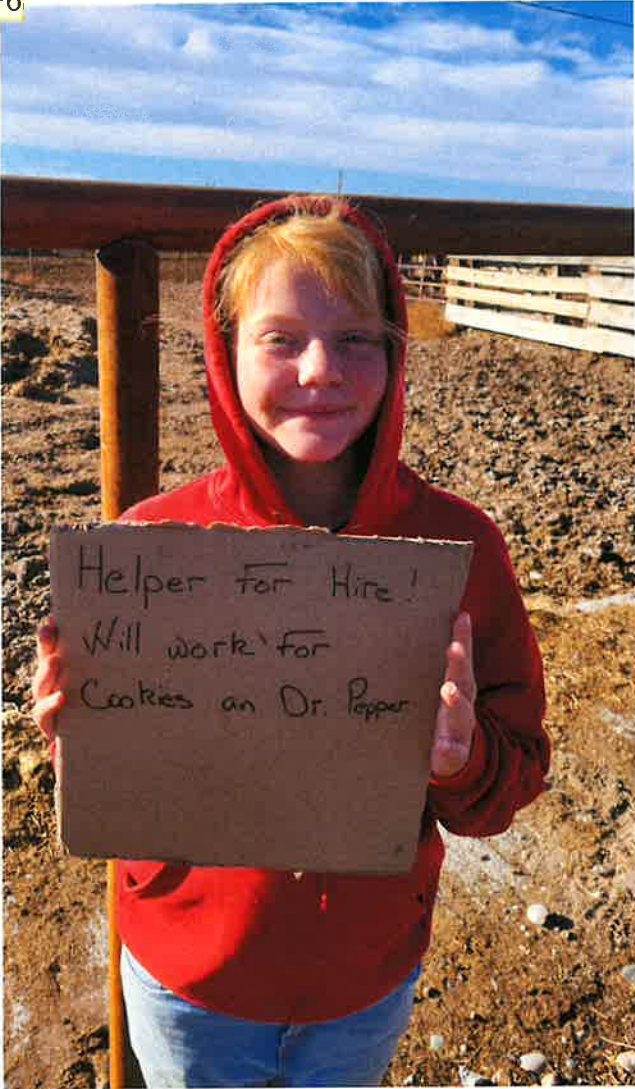




Why do we do it?

- 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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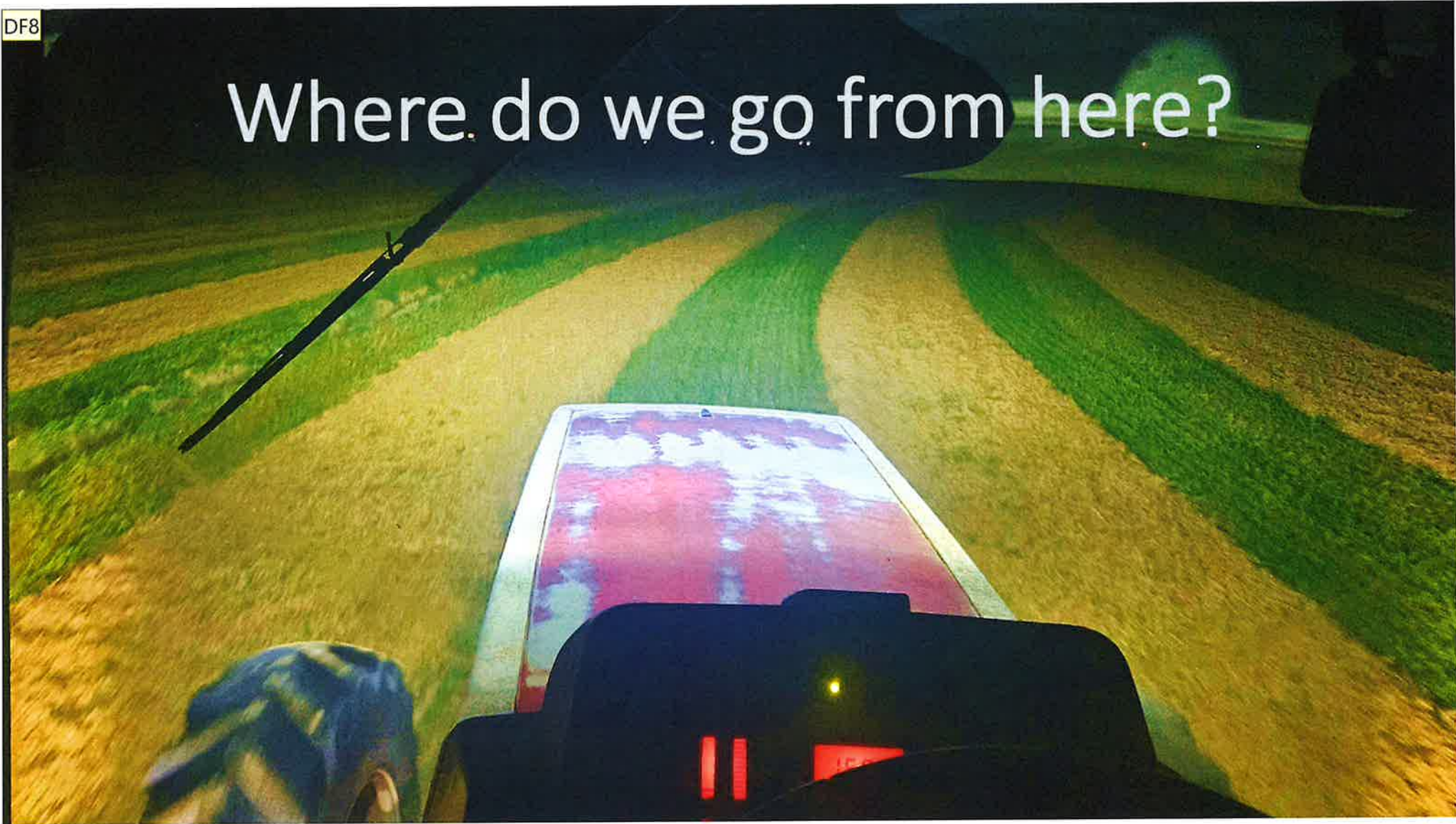


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DF6 These are my kids. Everything I do is for them. Just like my dad worked to ensure that I inherited something better than what he had. Just like my grandfather worked to ensure that my dad inherited something better than what he started with.
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Where do we go from here?



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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
- The question remains, “Where can we go from here?”



Questions?