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An Idaho resident for over 30 years, **Senator Michelle Stennett** spent her childhood in a dairy farming community in Wisconsin. Her rural roots brought her to central Idaho where she met and married the late Clint Stennett, who was raised in southern Idaho.

Elected to represent District 26, southcentral Idaho, in 2010, Senator Stennett has served as the Senate Minority Leader since 2013. Currently, she serves on the State Affairs and Resources & Environment Committees. During the interim she is appointed to several committees focusing on natural resources, fisheries, water issues, workforce development, and ethics in politics. Michelle participates in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region, Council of State Governments West, Co-Chair of Canada Relations Committee, and Legislative Council on River Governance (LCRG) hosted by CSG West. This year, the LCRG members voted Senator Stennett to the position of Chair for 2020.

Senator Stennett's professional background has drawn on all aspects of her degrees in International Relations-Environmental Studies, and Latin Languages with a minor in Business, and PNWER's Legislative Energy Horizon Institute certificate. Through her work, she experienced firsthand the marketing and budgeting challenges faced by business-owners in her rural district. She has also worked, both at home in Idaho and abroad, for aid and philanthropic organizations implementing community-based solutions on issues such as clean water, grazing, and forest health.

Senator Stennett enjoys being surrounded by beautiful places to fish, hike, bike, horseback ride, ski, camp, and romp with her Golden Retriever.



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CSG/ CSG West participation includes: 2011-20 Legislative Council on River Governance Member; 2013 Western Legislative Academy Alumni; 2013-20 CSG West Executive Committee Member; 2015-16 Vice Chair, CSG West Energy & Environment Committee; 2019-20 Co-Chair, CSG West Canada Relations Committee Member; 2019-20 CSG West Energy Committee Member; 2019-20 CSG West Water & Environment Committee Member; 2020 Chair, Legislative Council on River Governance