

Lemhi

Soil and Water Conservation District



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Our Mission

Setting high standards for conservation of the natural resources within the LSWCD and assisting local landowners in improving soil and water practices on private lands.

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Livestock Production Limitation
3. Soil Quality Limitation
4. Degraded Plant Condition
5. Pest Pressure

Fiscal Year 2023 Revenue

Federal Funding

Bonneville Power Administration \$653,505.36
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund \$218,070.88

State Funding

Water Quality Project Agreement \$209,539.00
Idaho Department of Water Resources \$6,791.47
State of Idaho \$28,255.28

County Funding

Lemhi County \$7,500.00

TOTAL \$1,123,661.99

USDA/NRCS Farm Bill Contracts

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
\$473,786.00

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
\$352,137.00

Total: \$1,949,584.99

Future Projects and Programs

Continued efforts will be made to leverage the available federal anadromous fish monies to benefit land owners and natural resources within Lemhi County in addition to ESA listed and resident fish species. The Lemhi SWCD will continue to focus on youth and adult education through the coming year. This will include participation in Family Fun Night at the Lemhi County Fair, poster contest, and National Agriculture Week while continuing the educational programs already in place.



Recent Projects

- ◆ The LSWCD treated previously completed project sites for noxious and invasive weeds. Several newly completed project sites were seeded and mulched. There are multiple future projects that were in various stages of the design phase during this past year. A Lemhi River Restoration project was completed near the mouth of Hayden Creek approximately one mile from Lemhi, ID. Main and side channels that were built combine for 1660 feet of new channel with woody fish habitat included.



New River Channel on the Lemhi River showing wood placement and wood fish habitat.

Educational Programs

- ◆ **Lemhi County Fair:** Shared an educational booth with Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- ◆ **NACD Poster Contest:** Sponsored and presented the NACD poster contest to 72 local 6th graders in conjunction with the 2023 theme "One Water."



Poster Contest winners: (left to right) 3rd place Kyla Stone-1st place Emma Zender (Salmon)-and 2nd place Alfonzo Martinez Sierra (Leadore).

- ◆ **National Agriculture Week:** Sponsored and participated in National Agriculture Week activities in Lemhi County. 2nd grade students at Pioneer Elementary had the opportunity to build their own edible soil cup. FFA students assisted.

