

Lemhi

Soil and Water Conservation District



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Project Manager: Bob Minton (*retired, again*)
Administrative Assistant: Becky Coffey

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 2024 Revenue

Federal Funding

Bonneville Power Administration	\$225,492.79
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	\$130,212.16
U.S Fish & Wildlife Service	\$18,032.89

State Funding

State of Idaho	\$29,345.36
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County Funding

Lemhi County	\$7,500.00
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TOTAL \$410,535.20

USDA/NRCS Farm Bill Contracts

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$614,660.00
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Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	\$98,742.00
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Total: \$1,123,985.20

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 with one project nearing final design. LSWCD completed a flood to pod irrigation system on a field up Sharkey Creek. LSWCD partnered with the OSC to conduct fish passage surveys on several culverts in the Lemhi Basin identifying four as significant passage barriers. These culverts will be replaced as future projects.



WQPA Sharkey Creek project converted previous flood irrigated ground to a sprinkler pod system, resulting in water savings & reduction of sediment.

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 2024 theme "May The Forest Be With You Always".



Poster Contest winners: (left to right) 3rd place Bennett Drnjevic-2nd place Adison DeFord-1st place Cooper Brown

- ◆ **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.



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Lemhi

FOR YEAR:

FY24

DUE :

December 20, 2024

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

Thayne Kauer

Board Supervisor Signature

Thayne Kauer

Printed Name

12-12-24

Date

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