



District Outreach & Activity

North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition A USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) kicked off 2024 with VSWCD community gatherings in Cascade, Donnelly and McCall introducing Coalition water quality and water quantity goals, inviting public input of watershed concerns into an interactive map on our website valleyswcd.org Workgroups organized around the public’s top five concerns: Stream Conditions, Land Use and Development, Stormwater Management, Wastewater Management and Climate Resiliency. Workgroup recommendations were presented to the community and policy leaders at a Fall community workshop and are the foundation for the NFPR Watershed Restoration Plan.



IDHW posted 2024 HAB advisory October 18 through November 22. Photo courtesy of L. Long

EPA Closing America’s Wastewater Access Gap (CAWAG) is a no cost technical assistance partnership of local agencies and organizations to evaluate on-site wastewater systems along Lake Cascade, focusing on subdivisions within South Lake Cascade Recreational Water and Sewer District service area. Our goal is to identify improvements and funding sources to design and construct improvements that affect Lake Cascade’s water quality. Many options are being discussed.

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 Monthly board Meetings – Open to the public in-person & Zoom.
 First Thursday of the month 9am

Top 5 Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality/ Water Quantity
2. Riparian Management
3. Traditional Agriculture
 - a. Riparian Pasture and Hayland Mgmt.
 - b. Irrigation and Non-Irrigated Cropland
4. Woodlands and Wildfire Mitigation
5. Fish and Wildlife

2024 Funding Summary

State Base Operating Funds	\$14, 500
State Match Allocation	25,748
Valley County Cash Contribution.	8,500
IDEQ State Ag Admin Reimb.	29,000
WQPA Admin Reimb.	13,090
IWCF No Till Drill Grant	2,951
General Donations	1,000
USBR WaterSMART 2024 CWMP Grant	<u>68,000</u>
Total District Funding	\$162,789

NRCS obligated 10 EQIP contracts in VSWCD	<u>244,215</u>
Total Additional Watershed Resources	<u>244,215</u>
2024 Total Conservation Investment	<u>\$407,004</u>

2024 VSWCD Grant Activity

- **IDEQ 319 Water Quality Grant Projects -** With **Brush Creek** double vault facility successfully installed, attention turned to streambank and trail improvements in 2024. **NFPR Bank Improvements at Heinrich Lane, Alzar, Depot and Cascade Strand** Planting days with students, IDFG, Trout Unlimited and VSWCD **NFPR Alzar** students with their Boston partner school, IDFG and VSWCD cut willow stakes for Alzar riverbanks then contributed community service hours along the Cascade Strand completing fence work and dryland plantings to decrease erosion.
- **IDEQ State AG BMP Grant Funding** Lake Cascade Hot Springs Wildlife Management Area, east side of the reservoir. Riparian livestock exclusion fencing installed by Idaho Conservation Corp Young Adult Crews.
- **NRCS obligates ten 2024 EQIP contracts** totaling \$244,215 - 9 forestry thinning projects, and 1 shrub planting within the District. NRCS Annual Local Workgroup meeting includes VSWCD Supervisor John Lillehaug input on EQIP funding allocations.



Community Outreach and Education



- **Community District Display Days feature NFPR Watershed Coalition and District Projects:**
 - **McCall Airport Community Open House**
 - **Payette Land Trust Conservation Day**
 - **Valley County Fair Display**
- **Southern Idaho 2024 Forestry Tour and Workshop** hosted by Valley with Adams, Gem and Squaw Creek SWCDs. Mailed Outreach to 1,000 VSWCD forestry landowners for registration and information promoting fire mitigation, forestry practices and stewardship.
- **3,000 Ponderosa and 2,000 Western Larch Seedlings** distributed to District forestry landowners
- **Agriculture Protection Area Policy and Procedures** were developed in 2024 as required by State Law and guided by Supervisor Bill Leaf. Ag exemption landowners meeting the criteria may start applying in February 2025 for Protected Agriculture Land Designations.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:
Valley

FOR YEAR:
2024

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.



Board Supervisor Signature

Art Troutner

Printed Name

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