

performance report



**Latah Soil & Water
Conservation District**



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Fiscal Year 2025
7/1/24-6/30/25

Mission Statement

Lead local efforts to promote the stewardship of natural resources through the development of comprehensive plans and the implementation of strategies for economic and ecological sustainability, on behalf of our citizens, through the coordination of leadership, information and funding.

Funding for FY 2025

Local Units of Government	\$22,500
State of Idaho (refer to ISWCC)	\$0
Bonneville Power Admin	\$696,848
Idaho Dept. of Env. Quality	\$232,310
Idaho Office of Species Cons.	\$130,319
Idaho Soil & Water Cons Com	\$74,224
Palouse Conservation District	\$11,275
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$31,496
US Forest Service	\$2,238
NRCS	\$21,945
Miscellaneous	\$319,561
TOTAL	\$1,542,716

*The above represents Latah SWCD grant and contract income within FY25. A total of 6 new grants and contracts were *awarded* in FY25 totaling ~ \$850,000 to be expended over the next several years.

Resources of Community

Concern Prioritized in FY2025

1. Fisheries (wild steelhead habitat)
2. Agricultural Lands (soil health)
3. Forestry (fuels management)
4. Threatened Ecosystems (Palouse Prairie)
5. District Capacity Building



Beaver dam analog

In FY25, Latah SWCD implemented a fuels management program to reduce wildfire risk across the wildland-urban interface, with a focus on small-parcel developments and high-use public areas. These efforts will continue throughout Latah County to further improve community safety and landscape resilience.

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In FY25, several public and private entities worked with the Latah SWCD to undertake large meadow restoration projects to enhance wild steelhead habitat within the Potlatch River watershed.

FY 2025 Accomplishments

- Cumulatively, over 400 acres and 16 miles of stream have been enhanced with meadow restoration projects implemented throughout the Potlatch River basin.
- 29 acres of high-risk public and private forestland was treated to reduce wildfire danger and will now serve as a demonstration site for community education.
- Latah SWCD welcomed its new District Manager, Ryan Lawrence, who is working with planning staff and field crews to advance restoration projects across private, state and federal lands.
- Palouse Prairie restoration projects continue to expand on private lands throughout Latah County.
- Latah SWCD organized youth education programs and supported student participation in state-wide competitions and natural resource camps.

Latah SWCD partnered with private landowners to improve instream passage for wild steelhead and other aquatic organisms to reconnect upstream spawning and rearing habitat.



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Seasonal Field Crew ~ 10 Members

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REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Latah

FOR YEAR:

FY25

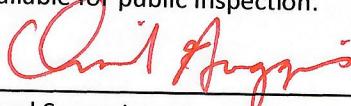
DUE :

December 20, 2025

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

Dave Huggins

Printed Name

12/20/25

Date

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