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 2025 Revenue

Federal Funding	
Bonneville Power Administration	$139,622.74
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund	$78,188.47
WQPA	$22,700.00
State Funding	
State of Idaho	$14,500.00
County Funding	
Lemhi County	$7,500.00
TOTAL	**$262,511.21**

USDA/NRCS Farm Bill Contracts

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
$469,844.29
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
$68,671.00
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
$1,404,000.00
Total: $1,942,515.29

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. LSWCD completed a side channel habitat project on the Lemhi River near the Kenney Creek confluence. The side channel is approximately 530 feet long, then water is allowed to flood flows through several acres of riparian forest before returning to the river. It provides off river habitat primarily benefiting juvenile life stages of ESA listed fish. 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 partnered with the OSC to conduct fish passage surveys on several culverts in the Lemhi Basin identifying two as significant passage barriers. LSWCD will be overseeing the design process in the next year, and these culverts will be replaced as future projects.

Lemhi River Kenney Creek Habitat Project new riparian side channel to benefit juvenile ESA listed fish.

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 74 local 6th graders in conjunction with the 2025 theme "Home is Where the Habitat Is".

Poster Contest winners: (left to right) 1st place Jonah Holt, 2nd place Gabriella Fraga, 3rd place Julienne Spilde

- **National Agriculture Week:** Sponsored and participated in National Agriculture Week activities in Lemhi County. 2nd grade students got to milk the cow provided by the Idaho Farm Bureau Ag Trailer. FFA students assisted.

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PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Lemhi

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.

Jane Sandstrom

Board Supervisor Signature

Jane Sandstrom

Printed Name

12/11/25

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