



### Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

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

### Top 5 Resource Concerns

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

### 2025 District Funding Summary

State Base Operating Funds	\$14,500
State Match Allocation	22,116
Valley County Cash Contribution	8,500
Grant Activity:	
IDEQ State Ag Hot Springs Fence	4,278
WQPA 2025	0
No-Till Drill Rent	400
Seedling Donations	1,000
IDEQ 319 S696	11,400
Aging Infrastructure Grant (LID)	
USBR WaterSMART CWMP Grant	99,110
<b>Total District Funding</b>	<b>\$161,303</b>
NRCS obligated 3 EQIP contracts	44,000
<b>2025 Total Conservation Investment</b>	<b><u>\$205,304</u></b>

### District Outreach and Grant Activity

**North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition** A USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP) Phase I wrapped up in 2025 with the NFPR Watershed Assessment and Action Plan, available on VSWCD website [Valleyswcd.org](http://Valleyswcd.org) Public input of watershed concerns into an interactive map on our website [valleyswcd.org](http://valleyswcd.org) is still appreciated. Workgroups organized around the public's top five concerns: Stream Conditions, Land Use and Development, Stormwater Management, Wastewater Management and Climate Resiliency. Results of Coalition efforts and final Assessment and Action Plan is also incorporated into the 2025BSU/Valley County Resilience Strategy Plan.



Normal Reservoir operations, filling and lowering water levels create steady bank erosion and annual inputs of phosphorus, sediment and nutrients into the reservoir, contributing to Harmful Algal Blooms.

Photo courtesy of L. Long

**WaterSMART Phase I NFPR Watershed Coalition**, Completion of NFPR Watershed Assessment and Action Plan. Final Watershed Plan/Grant reporting in progress.

**EPA Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap (CAWAG)** with South Lake Recreational Water & Sewer District mapping and process of locating test wells.

**EPA Philanthropy Northwest Thriving Communities** Work Plan and contracting completed, monitoring equipment purchases funded.

**Valley Co. Agricultural Protection Area (APA)** program development and program flyer distribution to all Ag exemption landowners. One 2025 application submitted and approved in Valley County. Supervisor Bill Leaf participates at 2025 Governor's Agricultural Summit, on the APA panel discussion.

### 2025 Grant Activity (cont.)

#### IDEQ 319 Water Quality Grant Projects -NFPR Bank

##### Improvements at Heinrich Lane, Alzar, Depot and

**Cascade Strand** Planting days with new student groups, IDFG, Trout Unlimited and VSWCD. **NFPR Alzar new student groups** IDFG and VSWCD cut willow stakes for Alzar riverbanks then contributed 2025 community service hours along the Cascade Strand completing fence work and dryland plantings to decrease access ramp erosion.

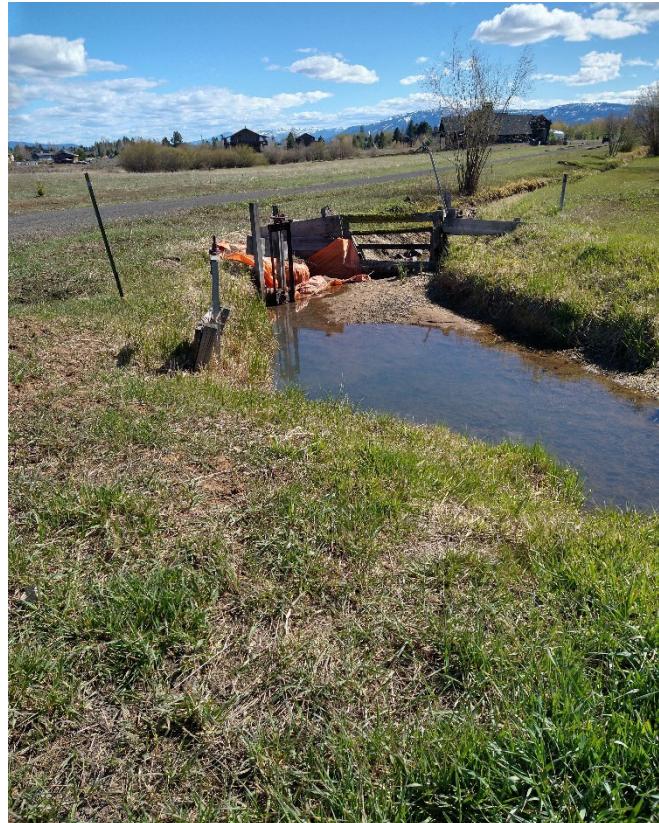
#### IDEQ 319 Water Quality Grant Project - Brush Creek

Progress Site Visit indicates near 100% plant survival rate. One final planting Fall 2025 with 200 potted Alder and Dogwoods completes the bank restoration portion of the project. Final grant reporting due

#### State AG BMP Grant Close-out and Final Report

Cascade Hot Springs Riparian Fencing Project

**NRCS 2025 EQIP contracts** totaling \$44,000- 2 new high tunnels were installed within the District and one forest health/wildfire risk reduction project. Additionally, one livestock virtual fence project was approved in VSWCD NRCS Annual Local Workgroup meeting includes VSWCD Supervisor John Lillehaug to determine EQIP funding allocations.



Lake Irrigation District receives Aging Infrastructure grant and NRCS EQIP to replace open ditch with covered pipeline. VSWCD is administering this important project.

### VSWCD 2025 Community Outreach Events

- Legislator Educational Display & Social, Boise
- Noxious Weed Recertification Class and Display, Cascade
- Arbor Day at Franz Witte Nursery, McCall
- Mountain Community School Pollinator Wildflower Planting Outreach
- Wildfire Preparedness Day, Donnelly Fire Station
- McCall Airport Community Open House
- South Lake Water & Sewer District Workshops
- Closing Americas Wastewater Access Gap
- SLRWSD assessment and mapping.
- Payette Land Trust Field Tour & Seedling Education
- Valley County Fair District Activity Display
- Alzar School Education and 5 Planting Days
- Valley Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter mailed to 1500 Ag and Forestry landowners. Social Media outreach through Facebook, Instagram and email news through Constant Contact.
- 2025 Southern Idaho Forestry Tour and Workshop hosted by Gem and Squaw Creek SWCDs along with Valley and Adams Districts. Outreach brochure mailed to 1,000 VSWCD forestry landowners promoting fire mitigation, forestry health and stewardship with contacts for forestry assistance.
- 2025 Seedling Distribution Program for Ponderosa and Western Larch Seedlings distributed to District landowners, bundles of 10 seedlings for \$25 donation.

#### **Valley SWCD Board of Supervisors & Staff**

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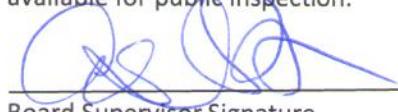
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
**PERFORMANCE**  
**REPORT**  
**CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: VALLEY SWCD  
FOR YEAR: 2025  
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

Arthur L. Troutner, Chair

Printed Name

December 17, 2025

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: