

# Conserve

News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust and Salmon Valley Stewardship

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*Karl Tyler talks about the habitat improvement project implemented on Big Springs Creek on his property in partnership with LRLT.*




*Merrill Beyeler explaining the positive changes Beyeler Ranches have seen as a result of various habitat improvement projects.*

## Salmon Hosts Rangelands Forum

On October 4th and 5th, Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) and Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS) joined with a group of organizations to assist in hosting the University of Idaho's Rangelands Center Fall Forum in Salmon. The two-day event drew 100 attendees from across the state and focused on "Decisions Today: Outcomes Tomorrow" and the impacts that resource management decisions have both now and in the future. The first day of the forum featured a variety of panels covering topics all aimed at the overarching theme of how land management decisions can provide social, economic and ecological outcomes. That evening the Idaho Society for Range Management also presented their 2018 Top Hand Award to the McFarland Family of Carmen Land and Livestock for their contributions to rangeland management and stewardship.

The second day of the forum featured a day long field trip starting at Leadore and traveling back down the valley to Salmon. The five different stops were hosted by Beyeler Ranches and focused on the local economic benefits of habitat restoration projects; LRLT and Karl Tyler's Big Springs Creek habitat improvement project; Trout Unlimited, Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program and Andy and Kathleen Knight's Little Sawmill Creek Project and the Bureau of Land Management's Salmon Field Office with Ross Goddard on his grazing allotment discussing sage grouse.

Upcoming  
Events!

Lemhi  Regional  
LAND TRUST

invites you to explore the rich & colorful history & conservation of  
Eagle Valley Ranch's Pine Creek Ranch with  
*Dr. Hope Benedict*

Monday, November 26th at 6 p.m. at the Salmon Grange  
Refreshments provided—RSVP to Charli at (208)756-8879

Alex Sholes Photography



# SVS Recognizes Lemhi County Extension with Krosting Sustainability Award

Salmon Valley Stewardship presented the 2018 David Krosting Sustainability Award to the Lemhi County Extension Office staff at our 11th annual Harvest Celebration. The award honors the attitude and ethics of former U.S. Bureau of Land Management Salmon Field Office Manager David Krosting, who earned the respect of community leaders for valuing not only the land he managed, but also the people on the land.

This year, the Lemhi County Extension Office was chosen as the award recipient because of the way staff manages working landscapes and open space by supporting the ranching community, their commitment to youth development through 4-H and Project Friday programming, and their work to improve the health and finances of our community's individuals and families through home economics programming and communications. Sara Campbell, SVS board member and former Extension AmeriCorps volunteer, recognized the Extension Office's efforts and successes at the event by saying, "in the Extension Office when something out of the ordinary happens like sewing a calf out of denim, for example, or identifying a snake in a jar, or witnessing a rogue bunny breeding project at the fair, someone will smile, shake their head and say, 'only in extension'. Well, this may be true, but I think that 'only in Lemhi County Extension' will you find a group of people so passionate that they'll do just about anything to help someone out."

We are honored to continue presenting the David Krosting Award to organizations, individuals, and other entities who display a commitment to our community's triple bottom line: environment, community, and economy.



Top: SVS board member Sara Campbell speaks about her experience as an AmeriCorps volunteer at the Extension Office.

Bottom: Extension Office staff poses with their Krosting Award and SVS board members.

Photographs by Snake River Photography

## New Venue, Same Elegant Atmosphere: Harvest Celebration 2018



Photographs by Snake River Photography

The 11<sup>th</sup> iteration of our annual Harvest Celebration was a huge success thanks to everyone involved – staff, volunteers, sponsors, silent auction donors, caterers, and guests. This year we took a risk, using the always glamorous Sweet Water Hollow to host the event outdoors for the first time, and it paid off. Idaho's beautiful fall weather was a welcome guest making an evening of eating, drinking, and dancing that much better.

What makes this event special is witnessing our community's enthusiasm for our work and pride in itself. It's a re-energizing reminder of why we show up every day and lets us know that we're on the right track! We are very grateful to be the ones you rely on to help foster a bright, sustainable future in the Salmon River Valley.



# Land and Water Conservation Fund Expires

Since 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected America’s most beloved natural places ensuring access for hunting, fishing, and recreation. Projects range from small and urban to large and wild and come at NO cost to taxpayers. Funds for LWCF come from oil and gas receipts paid by energy companies that extract publicly-owned resources from the Outer Continental Shelf. Here in Salmon, LWCF funds played a crucial role in establishing the Salmon City Park, including the golf course, ball fields, and swimming pool between 1978 and 1989.

Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) is currently working with the Bureau of Land Management’s Salmon Field Office to get more LWCF dollars on the ground in our area with the Dry Gulch trailhead and three different conservation easements. Unfortunately, on September 30<sup>th</sup> Congress allowed the LWCF to expire, leaving these projects and countless others throughout the nation and the future of the program in limbo. That’s where we need your help! **Please take a few minutes to contact Idaho’s elected officials, encouraging them to support reauthorization and dedicated funding of the LWCF! For more info visit [www.lwcfcoalition.com](http://www.lwcfcoalition.com) or call the LRLT office.**



*The Dry Gulch trailhead south of Salmon off of the Williams Creek Road.*

## A Place to Call Home for Perpetuity

In early 2008, Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) began leasing our current office on South Center Street after borrowing space in other offices for three years. Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS) joined us in the other half of the building in late 2012 after outgrowing their Main Street space. After calling this space home for many years, we learned in early 2017 that changes were coming and that our building would be listed for sale. Both organizations began pondering what this would mean for our shared office space. After much consideration, LRLT decided to take the leap and purchased the building, which also includes a portion of the parking lot behind the building.

While we’re excited to have purchased our building, that was only step one in our bigger vision. Our ongoing challenge with the space is its lack of conference room and private meeting space. Ownership of a portion of the parking lot provides the opportunity and space to expand our building and create a more functional space. Currently, we are working with D.G. Stamp Architects of Carmen to design the project, which features two different meeting spaces, a break room, additional work space, an ADA bathroom, and a second floor apartment to provide housing for interns and seasonal employees. We can’t wait to share more about this project as it progresses!

## Natural Resources Field Season Ends Colorfully



The quakies waved their last leaves goodbye to the 2018 SVS aspen monitoring crew as they finished their season. The crew spent several months documenting aspen locations for the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the US Forest Service. Thanks to our fantastic SVS crew: Tiffany, Kelsey, Rya, Cameron, Seth, Cacia, Sam, and our interns Justin and Ethan for a wonderful season.

# Thanks Again!

Another BIG thank you to our community for coming out and supporting our annual Harvest Celebration event.

We especially appreciate the businesses and individuals below who sponsored the event!



## Support Our Work!

Both Salmon Valley Stewardship and the Lemhi Regional Land Trust rely on small donations from individual community members to build relationships and continue our work.

Visit [SalmonValley.org](http://SalmonValley.org), [LemhiLandTrust.org](http://LemhiLandTrust.org) or stop by our offices to donate. Thank you!

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