

CONSERVE



Above: Students from Leadore and Tendoy Schools hunt for insects while visiting the Garden.

Planting Seeds in the Salmon School Garden

Spring and early summer found the Salmon School Garden (SSG) busy and filled with students of all ages prepping beds, starting seeds and planting seedlings. Students from Pioneer Elementary, Salmon Junior-Senior High School, Leadore Elementary, the Tendoy School, charter school and homeschool students all had the opportunity to visit the Garden to take part in activities. Lessons in the Garden are tailored to each class and provide students the opportunity for hands on learning. In addition to starting seeds and planting, elementary school students also have the opportunity to practice skills like making predictions and observations, counting, measuring, identifying colors, while older students learn about topics such as soils, botany and genetics.



Homeschool and charter school kids examined worms during their visit to the Garden.



Pioneer Elementary kindergarten and kindergarten - 1st grade split classes learned about the colors of zinnias and predicted what colors of zinnias they will grow.



Pioneer Elementary 1st graders plant their sunflowers in the Garden.

Thank You!



Through the generous support of our community, the Salmon School Garden's annual plant sale raised over \$5600 towards the continued operations of the Garden! An extra big thanks to Ms. Cooper's and Mrs. Lewis's classes for all their efforts starting and tending plants for the sale!

Produce by Donation!

With school out for the summer, produce grown in the Salmon School Garden is made available on a weekly basis by donation to the community.

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New Faces at Lemhi Regional Land Trust

Join us in welcoming our newest members of our Board of Directors and seasonal staff member!



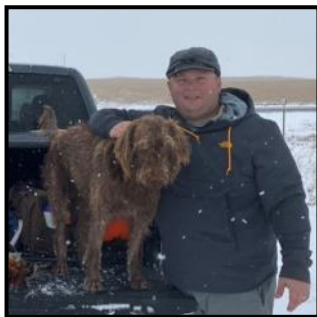
Becca Aceto
Director

After receiving a degree in Natural Resources from the University of Kentucky, Becca made her way to Idaho and hasn't left since. Her career includes time working for the range and wildlife departments on the Sawtooth National Forest, getting to know the Forest's rangelands intimately while surveying native and invasive vegetation. She also spent a season working in the Frank Church as a wilderness ranger with the Payette National Forest. She currently works for the Idaho Wildlife Federation. Becca is passionate about the quiet mountains of Central Idaho that support healthy fish and wildlife populations alongside working lands.



Mike Dougherty
Director

Raised in rural country working on a farm ingrained an appreciation for the land, natural resources and wildlife in Mike. A lifetime of outdoor pursuits, including hunting and fishing, along with travel throughout the country reinforced those thoughts and the need to conserve family agricultural lands. After receiving his bachelors of science degree in Engineering and Management, Mike has held various positions in application engineering, technical sales and marketing management with process control and pump manufacturing companies for over 35 years. Mike and his wife, Jane, have been landowners in Lemhi County since 1998.



Chris Healy
Director

Chris was raised on his family's grain and cattle farm near the Missouri River in southeastern South Dakota. In 2018, Chris and his wife, Anne, relocated to Lemhi County where she works as a family physician at Steele Memorial Medical Center and he operates Healy Law office. When he's not working Chris enjoys hunting, fishing, and exploring the beautiful mountains and rivers of eastern Idaho.



Mike Kossler
Director

Mike's family moved to Lemhi County in 1974 from Colorado. Mike has an agriculture degree from Colorado State University and has been involved in ranch work throughout his life. He was most recently a ranch manager on Eagle Valley Ranch in Lemhi County, where he worked cooperatively with Idaho Fish and Game and Lemhi Regional Land Trust in his role as ranch manager. Mike also serves on the Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District board, Whitewater Therapeutic Riding and Recreation board and is a past president of the Lemhi County Cattle and Horse Grower Association. He is currently retired and lives with his wife, Ann, in Lemhi County.



Katie Berasi
Stewardship Technician

Raised in Salmon, Katie is currently attending Boise State University majoring in biology with a focus on ecology. She is not entirely sure what she wants to do with her degree when she finishes, but as long as she's somewhere outside, she will be content. Katie spent the spring and summer of 2020 managing the Salmon School Garden and Lemhi Regional Land Trust is thrilled to have her on our staff this summer. Her responsibilities include completing all of the annual monitoring on our conservation easements and fee title properties, assisting with restoration projects and even spending a little time back in the Salmon School Garden!

FACT VS. FICTION

All conservation easements are essentially the same.

FICTION. A conservation easement is a willing buyer-seller negotiated transaction, and because landowners have different management goals, different financial situations, different property types and different family situations, conservation easements vary in wording and intent. While conservation easements contain common components and some basic elements, they are also written with the landowner's expressed land management and financial goals in mind.

All land trusts are essentially the same.

FICTION. Land trusts vary widely in the areas in which they work, the focus of their work, and the diversity of projects they work on. While there are professional and operational consistencies among land trusts, there are also very distinct approaches

Salmon 7th Graders Explore at Morgan Bar

Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS) and Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) joined up with teachers Bridget Severe, Sean McKinney and Hollis Troughton to help get Salmon Junior-Senior High School's 7th grade outside at the end of their school year. The morning was filled with cycling through six stations learning about birds, invasive weeds, biological control of invasive species, fish and river systems, carnivores and search and rescue from some of the experts in our community. The afternoon was spent learning how to capture observations from the field through nature journaling, similar to the journals of Lewis and Clark and other explorers.

Shannon Williams (Lemhi County Extension), Kathy Imel (Sacajawea Center), Ray Stephenson (Salmon Search and Rescue), Toni Ruth (SVS), and Jen Smith and Breann Green (LRLT) all pitched in to bring the day together and share their knowledge. "Getting the kids outside and learning a bit more about the ecology of our area as well as the importance of being safe while outside was a fantastic way to wrap up our year," noted teacher Bridget Severe. "It's also important for the kids to see volunteerism at work within our community and these programs are a shining example of the diverse knowledge available and shared right here in Lemhi County."

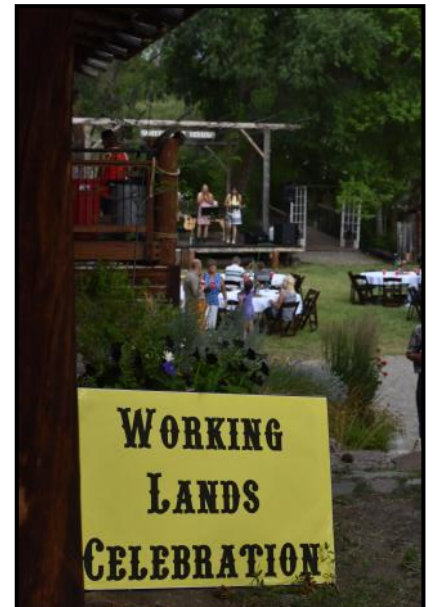
Top Right: Ray Stephenson explains the role Salmon Search and Rescue volunteers play in our community.

Bottom Right: Breann Green discusses native fish species found in the Salmon River.



Working Lands Celebration Makes Debut at Sweet Water Hollow

On June 25th, Lemhi Regional Land Trust (LRLT) hosted our annual Working Lands Celebration at Sweet Water Hollow along the banks of the Salmon River. With 2020 in the rearview mirror, we were thrilled to again be able to host our traditional event where we could mingle and chat over dinner with all of our friends, neighbors and fellow community members. The Blue Sage Ramblers from the Pahsimeroi Valley provided music for the evening and over 250 folks joined us for an evening of dinner, music and kids' activities. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and folks attending the event and bidding on items on our online auction, we raised over \$22,000, which will go directly towards continuing our work of conserving land in this corner of Idaho we all cherish.





Rock Springs Property Site of Workday

In late 2020, LRLT began receiving calls notifying us of vandalism on our Rock Springs property in the Upper Pahsimeroi Valley. A large section of jack fence protecting the pond area had been tipped over and both the signs explaining the property ownership and public access opportunities were torn down. With such a large of fence down, LRLT turned to the Trout Unlimited River of No Return Chapter for help. Chapter members spent a day in the Pahsimeroi with LRLT Stewardship and Restoration Coordinator, Breann Green setting the fence back up and making all the necessary repairs.



LRLT is proud to be able to provide public access to our fee title owned properties and encourages community members to contact us if they notice anything amiss. Due to the size of our service area, small staff and the remoteness of some properties we are only able to visit these properties a few times per year and we are dependent on the users being respectful of the property and community members notifying us if they notice any issues.

Want to learn more about our fee title owned properties? Visit www.lemhilandtrust.org and click "LRLT Owned Lands". Noticed something on a property that needs our attention? Give us a call at (208)756-8879 or email info@lemhilandtrust.org.

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