

Conserve

News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust and Salmon Valley Stewardship

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Trails Headline

Trails are important to everyone -- cattle trails, x-country ski trails, game trails, bike trails, the Lewis and Clark Trail, the Trail of Tears, the Continental Divide Trail. The Salmon Valley Trails committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-3 p.m. at the SVS office. These are just a few of the things we've got in the works:

• **Earth Day at Discovery Hill.** We work on trails, we clean up the trash of forgetful people, we eat, and then we usually go try out the trails. Meet at the main trailhead at Discovery Hill, **Saturday, April 23** at 9 a.m. and we're usually done for the day by 1 p.m.



• **12 Hours of Disco.** The Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association (SIMBA) put Salmon on the map as mountain bike paradise with this fun, endurance race. This year's event is **Saturday, May 21**. Sign up to ride solo or with a team at <http://www.ridesalmon.com/>, volunteer to help, or just come watch! SVS and LRLT enter a collective team known as the Lost Riders. Don't be afraid to cheer us on!



Illustration by Adam Deutchman.

• **Hands on the Land Discovery Hill day with Salmon Middle School.** 8th graders will be spending **Thursday, May 26** discovering mountain biking, frisbee golf, and many other cool things about the area that can be enjoyed by using the trail system. We always need help wrangling enough bikes for the kids, serving lunch, and joining in the fun. Call SVS if you want to help.



• **Citizens Institute on Rural Design workshop.** As we prepare for trail construction along Highway 93 South, the Trails Committee will help develop and

install signs to direct walkers and bikers through town and to our trails. This is a great chance to figure out what we want visitors (and residents) to know about our special places, and you'll all be invited to join in the design. The to-be-determined date will likely be this fall.

• **Trailapalooza.** On **August 5-7**, trail groups of every variety -- ATV, backcountry horseman, hikers, bikers -- will converge on one trail project (we're currently eyeing Carmen Creek). The goal of the work party is to welcome public lands trails users from neighboring areas to help us take care of these trails that belong to all of us, and maybe get to know each other better in the process. Whether you want to help us organize the event or just help out for a half day, this is going to be a fantastic event.

On your mark, get set, write these dates in your calendar, and we'll see you on the trail!

Celebrating Pollinators



The Stream of Dreams mural greets visitors and welcomes back residents with a nod toward our “fishy” heritage. Photo courtesy of OpenView Photography.

The 2014 Stream of Dreams project, a plot hatched by SVS friends Terry Myers and Ilona McCarty, was an inspiration. In our 10+ years of working in Lemhi County, no effort has ever garnered such wide support. Hundreds of volunteer hours and generous donations from companies, individuals, and organizations resulted in an environmental education and public art project that honored Salmon’s “fishy” heritage. The Stream of Dreams mural on the high school fence along Highway 93 South greets visitors and welcomes us back with a

reminder that this place is called Salmon for a very good reason.

The plight of pollinators has been on our minds lately, and on a lot of other people’s. A few weeks ago, the headline in the New York Times read, “Decline of Pollinators Poses Threat to World Food Supply.” We’ll be kicking off the Pollinator Project during

Pollinator Week June 20-26. Like Stream of Dreams, Salmon’s Pollinator Project will combine environmental education and will result in a May 2017 community installation of a mural under the artistic direction of Cheryl Mihalka.

“The beauty of this project is that it combines public art, education and a very important message environmental message,” explained Ella Deutchman, SVS board vice president. “Kids, paint and dirt -- it really doesn't get much better than that.”

SVS Social Media Alert

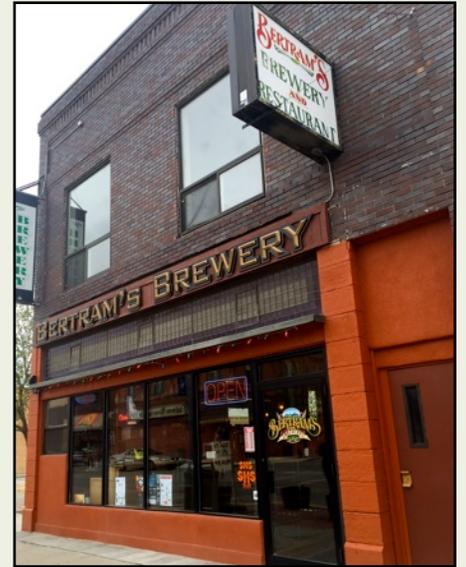
Many thanks to the [The Richland Group](#), SVS has a new digital makeover. The Fort Smith, Arkansas company donated their time, creativity and expertise to create a fresh look for our nonprofit. Are you thinking to yourself, why did a company from Arkansas help a non-profit in Idaho? SVS conservation fellow [Madison Harper](#) has an idea. Madison was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas and her parents Mark and Cheslea started The Richland Group in 1998.

We are thrilled to have our new website up and running! We would like to sincerely thank Mark, Cheslea, Jordan, Rham, Hannah and Ashley for all their hard work on the [Salmon Valley Stewardship website](#). We love it and we hope you do, too! Check out our [blog](#) for more information.



Salmon, Idaho is about as pristine as a town can be, but our geography lends itself to some serious inversions that trap smoke. On these days, our air quality can move into the unhealthy zone, winter or summer. A group of citizens are working to share information about our day-to-day air quality. And while we can’t change our geography, we may be able to make some changes in woodstove burning, how we dispose of our leaves, even the timing of prescribed fires, that reduces the number of unhealthy air days we experience. Join the Salmon’s Clean Air Committee conversation on [Facebook](#).

Best Bets in the Valley



Get Ready for Local Foods Nights in Salmon

Salmon restaurant owners have been conspiring with the Salmon Valley Local Foodies to showcase food grown and made right here in the valley. Expect a regular offering of Local Food Nights, starting with Bertram’s Brewery on **Thursday, April 28**. Packing the house in April will show restauranteurs that we have a taste for Salmon Valley Local Foods.

Huge kudos to Marii Stratter and Mindy Crowell, SVS’s Local Foods Americorps VISTA volunteers. The work they have done to connect producers to retailers, restaurants, and consumers is nothing short of amazing!

Public Lands Planning

OK, maybe it’s not as *obviously* fun as Local Food Night at Bertram’s, but if you care about public lands (and who doesn’t?), you need to know about the planning that the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management will be doing over the next few years.

On May 17, at the Challis Community Event Center, everyone is invited to start a conversation about what we value about the public lands in our area, and perhaps as importantly, why we do. SVS will be keeping a list of those who want to carpool from Salmon, so give us a call at 756-1686 if you are interested.



Lemhi Regional Land Trust Plans to Go Viral for Idaho Gives Day

Join us again on May 5th for Idaho Gives Day! Idaho Gives Day is a one day, online giving blitz that is all about coming together to support the many non-profits that make our state great. Last year, Idahoans contributed nearly \$1.1 million for more than 675 nonprofit causes in communities large and small, across the state. Since the inaugural event in 2013, Idahoans have raised more than \$2.3 million for participating organizations, one donation at a time.

You can support Lemhi Regional Land Trust and participate in Idaho Gives Day here: <https://idahogives.razoo.com/us/story/Lemhi-Ranchlands-Legacy>.

Speaking of giving, LRLT extends a huge thank to **Karl and Donna Tyler and Mark Norem** for their recent donation of a 2014 Chevy Silverado. A service area covering two of Idaho's largest counties means that LRLT's staff spends a lot of time on the road and for the past 11 years all of those miles have gone on the staff's personal vehicles, with LRLT reimbursing them for the miles traveled. "In 2015 our staff put over 12,000 miles on their personal vehicles," said LRLT Executive Director Kristin Troy. "Each new project we add to our portfolio means more driving and this generous donation met an increasingly critical need for LRLT to have our own vehicle. We are absolutely tickled and grateful for

Land Trust Fact or Fiction?

Once you complete a conservation easement you can never build any additional houses on the property. That is fiction. If mutually agreed upon by the landowner and the land trust, a conservation easement can allow for the construction of future homes on the property. If allowed, the homes must be built in the areas that are designated within the conservation easement.

Each conservation easement is monitored annually to ensure the terms of the agreement are being met.

FACT. Land trust staff schedule a time with each conservation easement owner to visit the conservation easement and complete the annual monitoring visit.



When we monitor an easement, we make note of things like wildlife on the property. These sandhill cranes return to the Pine Creek Ranch of Eagle Valley every spring.



Mark Norem, Kristin Troy, and Karl Tyler at the Salmon Select Horse Sale. Norem and Tyler donated the 2014 Chevy Silverado to the Land Trust.

Lemhi County Ag Week

Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet

As part of National Agriculture Week, LRLT got a chance to visit the Salmon Seventh Day Adventist and Tendoy Schools and talk to the students about plant and soil science. We also constructed chia pets with help from the Salmon FFA chapter (pictured below). LRLT also spent an afternoon extracting DNA from strawberries with Salmon's 5th graders & talked about the importance of conservation with 7th graders to round out the week.



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