

Conserve

News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust and Salmon Valley Stewardship

A Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2013

Local Foods Movement Making Strides



The Salmon Local Foods 2013-14 action plan envisions a sustainable, local food network that:

- Benefits livestock operators and other producers by expanding markets and profits;
- Benefits consumers by providing better access to healthy foods;
- Respects the interdependent relationship between growing practices and the health of the community, including people, wildlife, water and air
- Enhances community self-reliance and food security, for all residents.

And thanks to such diverse sectors of our community working together on this, we're making great strides. Here are some highlights:

• Healthy produce, eggs, milk and cheese have never been in greater abundance at the market than they've been this year. We're up to 35 market full-season vendors this year and scrambling to make room for

more!

• The University of Idaho Extension office and Local Foods members recently released the [Lemhi County Local Foods Directory](#).



- The Farmers Market now accepts SNAP benefits so all residents can have access to locally grown food.
- Our Backyard Agriculture series resumes this Fall. These hugely popular classes have covered a variety of topics from pruning fruit trees, making sausage, canning, composting, and much more. At \$10 for each 2-hour class, participants tell us these are a great value.
- Salmon's FFA program continues to glean fruit that would have gone to waste, making it available to local food banks and youth organizations.
- Health Department officials recently re-assured restaurant owners that using local produce and eggs is completely allowable under Idaho Food Code. Local chefs are doing a great job of incorporating Lemhi County grown food into their menus. The next time you dine out, find out if there's something tasty that supports your neighbors!

Lemhi Regional Land Trust
invites you to join us for our annual
**Working Lands
Celebration**

Thursday, July 25th
at 5 p.m.
Sacajawea Center
Salmon, Idaho

Join us for Dinner, Kids' Activities,
LIVE Music, live and silent
Auctions & the opportunity to
learn more about your
grassroots land trust!



Whitman College Environmental Studies Senior Jenny Gonyer is spending her summer working for both Salmon Valley Stewardship and Lemhi

Whitman College Internship Program Assists SVS & LRLT

Jenny Gonyer is the summer intern shared by both SVS and LRLT. She is from Hill City, South Dakota and attends Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. She came to Salmon through Whitman's Environmental Studies Internship Program.

The competitive program provides Whitman students at no cost to selected non-profit organizations. Jenny instantly fell in love with SVS and LRLT's internship proposal as it encompassed many aspects of her major, Environmental Studies – Biology. She was very excited about this unique opportunity to explore Idaho and learn about conservation and community values.

Jenny so far has worked on aspen monitoring on BLM lands, ecological monitoring on LRLT's conserved ranches, updating the Farmer's Market Blog, and monitoring range allotments on National Forest lands in the Pahsimeroi Valley.

She will also be hiking part of the Continental Divide from Bannack Pass to Lemhi Pass. Jenny has immensely enjoyed her time learning from SVS and LRLT and exploring the rangelands and forests. She can't wait to see what else her internship has to offer in her last few weeks here in Salmon.

Update on LRLT's Road to Accreditation

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Lemhi Regional Land Trust is pleased to announce we are applying for accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications.

Comments must relate to how Lemhi Regional Land Trust complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, go to:

<http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/tips-and-tools/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org.

Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) [518-587-3183](tel:518-587-3183); (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. **Comments on Lemhi Regional Land Trust's application will be most useful by October 25th, 2013.**

Land Trust Welcomes 2 New Board Members

LRLT is excited to announce the addition of two new board of directors members. Kyra Povirk and Shane Rosenkrantz were voted in at LRLT's June board meeting. They join Chair Tom McFarland, vice-chair Fran Tonsmeire, secretary Carol Yerden, Mike Overacker, Katie Hoffman, Richard Smith, and Merrill Beyeler.

Kyra currently works for the Salmon BLM as a rangeland management specialist. She has a master's and a bachelor's degree in rangeland ecology and watershed management from the University of Wyoming



LRLT board member Kyra Povirk on grill duty at June's Lemhi Valley Century Ride post-celebration.



Shane Rosenkrantz

and is a member of the Society for Range Management. She and her husband Dave Lingle live in Salmon. Shane is a fifth generation rancher from Mackay, Idaho. He's been in the ranching business for 33 years, and has managed the largest ranch in the Lost River Valley, the Mountain Springs Ranch, for 15 years. He is very active in the FFA and 4-H programs, and is a member of the Central Idaho Rangeland Network.

Return to Mustang

On June 10, the Lemhi County Forest Restoration Group and the Salmon-Challis National Forest hosted a tour of parts of last summer's Mustang Fire. The group was joined by residents (some of whom had been evacuated during the fire), Amy Taylor of Sen. James Risch's Idaho Falls office, University of Idaho wildland fire professor Penny Morgan, and members of the North Fork Fire Department. The rugged and panoramic tour started at North Fork, climbed up Indian Peak, crossed over into Hughes Creek, and finished at the Granite Mountain Lookout.

Many of the participants expressed relief after viewing the after effects of the large fire.

"I think it's important that people come see for themselves that there is more green than black in a lot of these areas. I'm

pleasantly surprised," said Marcella Hendricks, a member of Salmon's Backcountry Horsemen.

Morgan said the fact that the Hughes Creek thinning units got tested during the Mustang Fire is unusual, and urged the group to develop forest restoration plans that don't only focus on fire.

The proposed Upper North Fork project, still undergoing environmental analysis, is designed to improve wildlife habitat and forest diversity, as well as make the Gibbonsville area safer from wildfire.

If you'd like to be notified of future forest restoration tours, workshops, and discussions, call SVS at 756-1686.



The top of Granite Mtn. Lookout has served as a vantage point for forest restoration discussions since the collaborative started. SVS board member Sherry Elrod with the wave.



From Indian Peak, Jerry Myers talks about being evacuated during the Mustang Fire from his home at Indian Creek. Several North Fork area residents joined the tour, sharing their perspective about living in a fire prone landscape.



The Mustang Fire tour gave community members, wildlife biologists, firefighters, and others a chance to see how the land is healing after the massive 2012 blaze. Those on the tour were pleasantly surprised at the unburned pockets of forest, the resiliency of the land, and these amazing wildflower arrays.

Mountain Bike Trails Book Published

The long awaited *Mountain Bike Rides of Salmon River Country* is now available, and thanks to a grant from USDA Rural Development, the guide detailing 30 area rides is FREE while supplies last. Kudos to co-authors Dave Lingle, Terry Magoon, and Max Lohmeyer for not only completing the book, but for putting Salmon on the map as a mountain biking town.



Photographer and Salmon Idaho Mtn. Bike Assoc. Founder Dave Lingle catches LRLT director Kristin Troy practicing her Disco moves.

Ella Deutchman, former Chamber of Commerce president and early proponent of the trail book, remarked on the radical changes she's seen in the last decade. She listed the trail improvements volunteers and the BLM have done at Discovery Hill, the new Hub bike shop and pizza plaza on Van Dreff, and two new events that are attracting cyclists near and far -- 12 Hours of Disco and the Lemhi Valley Century Ride.

Not only does biking bring people to town (of the 165 riders entered in the 12 Hours of Disco event, less than 40 were from Salmon), the sport also gives locals a chance to re-connect with our incredible public lands.

Get your hands on the book at SVS, and for even more trail info, check out <http://idaholosttrails.blogspot.com/>

Wed, August 14 - SVS/LRLT Meet & Greet, Sacajawea Center Amphitheater, 12 - 1 p.m

Our quarterly luncheon gives members of the community a face-to-face opportunity to hear the latest from Salmon Valley Stewardship and Lemhi Regional Land Trust, suggest ideas, complain, get to know staff and board members, or do some fact checking. We'll have fresh fruits and veggies from the Lemhi County Farmers Market to share.

Transportation Choices We Like

SVS Board Pres. Julie Hopkins bought the American-made Ford C-Max Energi in April. The hybrid gets about 35 mpg when using gas, but Julie mostly uses it to commute so she's averaged about 59 mpg for the 2,500 miles she's driven to date. Other advantages -- it's roomy, has a long trip range of 600 miles, and is fast.

Bicycling uses no gas or electricity, tones muscles, and requires no liability insurance. (Photo from [Lost Trail Lens](#))

*Computer Zen's **Zenn car** plugs into a regular outlet, holds a charge for 40 miles, and at 38 mph top speed, makes an awesome town car that Pattie Dahl says saves up to \$300/month.*



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