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Wayfinding Workshop Begins Connectivity Conversation

On April 12th and 13th nearly 30 Salmon citizens gathered at the Sacajawea Center to kick off a conversation about wayfinding, or point-to-point connectivity for the Salmon community.

The event engaged local leaders, non-profits, community organizations, and interested citizens to work with a team of transportation and design professionals to discuss wayfinding and connectivity rooted in shared local values such as community pride, self-reliance, and Salmon's rich cultural heritage. Workshop sessions focused on the challenge of safely orienting pedestrians and bikers around Salmon's key destinations, including the upcoming Highway 93 South trail.

Workshop participants learned about the "Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper" approach, a strategy based on taking incremental steps, using low-cost experiments, and tapping into local talents to try out improvements to public spaces before making any large, irrevocable investments. "Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper" ideas can be easily implemented, assessed by community members, and then tweaked or customized based upon the community's response. Community members discussed several "Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper" opportunities for cultivating a more walkable and bikeable Salmon, including the coordination of a "Walking School Bus" activity to promote safer routes to school and a "Bike to Work Challenge" among local organizations to encourage more frequent daily pedestrian and bike activity around the community.

This public workshop, hosted by Salmon Valley Stewardship was made possible with support from Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD), a national partnership of Project for Public Spaces, National Endowment for the Arts, Orton Family Foundation and USDA Rural Development.



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"This workshop was unique in that it only considered community planning through a lens of shared local values, considering improved community connections while upholding our community's unique culture, heritage, and sense of place."

– Toni Ruth, SVS Executive Director

Lemhi Regional
LAND TRUST

Working Lands Celebration
Thursday, June 22nd at 5 p.m.
Sacajawea Center - Salmon, Idaho

Join us for dinner, kids' activities, live & silent auctions
and
AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Open View Photography

out•LAND•ish - A Podcast All Things Public Lands



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Have you ever been at work and caught yourself daydreaming about the next fish you’re going to catch or that one pitch on the mountain that is calling your name? No matter the type of adventurer you call yourself, chances are that you utilize public lands to satisfy your craving for the great outdoors. What would happen if access to these lands were compromised? In order to better understand public lands and what they mean to the people who use them, we introduce **out•LAND•ish**.

The gateway to all things public lands, **out•LAND•ish** is a brand new podcast brought to you by The United States Forest Service in partnership with Salmon Valley Stewardship and the creators of More Than Just Parks. This podcast explores the motivations of big water boaters to environmental policy writers and everything in between. **out•LAND•ish** will bring you stories from our Nation’s public lands, with a common thread of what these lands mean to you. These stories are coupled with current events and provide information on how to get involved in the conversations regarding management of these lands.


Salmon Valley Stewardship’s own Rachel Layman and Mindy Crowell along with US Forest Service partner Liz Townley, co-host and co-edit the podcast, giving listeners the low-down on what’s going on across the nation’s public lands. They have a variety of backgrounds ranging from Recreation Ecology and Natural Resource Conflict Resolution to trail running and rafting, and are deeply connected with the topic at hand. It is their mission to make sure that your voices are included in the conversation. Part of the larger Your Forests Your Future initiative, this podcast aims to increase awareness of the relevancy of public lands.

Please subscribe to **out•LAND•ish** and join us in the discussion about public land use. We want to encourage listeners to think back to their favorite memories involving the great outdoors and bring awareness to the fact that many of those memories occur on public lands.

out•LAND•ish Episodes 1 and 2 are available now on iTunes and Google Play.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit the Your Forest Your Future website at www.yourforestyourfuture.org

You can also check out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



1. voices from *your* public lands

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Shell Creek Conservation Easement Finalized



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In December 2016, LRLT completed our thirteenth conservation easement on a unique piece of property located down river on the Main Salmon River at Shell Creek. This conservation easement was donated by Mario and Glenda Hernandez of Idaho Falls and is bordered by the river on one side and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on the other. By far the most unique aspect of this property is that there is no road to the property—it can be accessed only by cable cart or boat. Placing a conservation easement on this thirteen acre property ensures that protection of the riparian areas, open space and wildlife habitat found on the property. While the conservation easement limits any further development on the property, the landowners continue to use and enjoy their property just as they have for years with the added piece of mind that it will remain intact and available for generations to come.

Pollinator Pathways Mural Installed!

After forming its chrysalis and beginning its metamorphosis a year and a half ago, the Pollinator Pathways butterfly mural took flight on May 6th during a volunteer filled installation day and festival. 40 volunteers, including teams from Steele Memorial Medical Center, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the US Forest Service, and US Bureau of Land Management made quick work of the installation, completing the task two hours ahead of schedule.

The festival featured educational pollinator displays and activities hosted by O’Hara Commons from Hamilton, MT. The partnership between Salmon Valley Stewardship and O’Hara commons is a crucial component to the longevity and impact of this project and demonstrates the importance of maintaining the Highway 93 Knowledge Corridor, an idea dedicated to the people and creatures sharing the same ecology and economy as they move between landscapes.



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New Faces!



Sara Campbell
Board Member, SVS

Joining the SVS Board as of April 18, 2017, Sara Campbell is our newest board member! Sara is an Assistant Teacher with Upper Carmen Charter School. Her past occupations include whitewater rafting guide, AmeriCorps Vista volunteer, and trail crew work with the US Forest Service. As an AmeriCorps Vista with Lemhi County Extension, Sara worked as the Salmon Community Garden and Kid’s Garden Coordinator. This is Sara’s first experience serving on a non-profit board, and she is excited about the opportunity to learn how an effective non-profit operates both behind the scenes and on the ground, while also putting her strengths to work for the community. Sara enjoys fishing, thrift stores, rocks, canoeing, garlic bread, river confluences, roller blading, skiing, and photography.

- Toni Ruth

Joining in April 2017, Dan’s mission at Salmon Valley Stewardship is to engage youth in outdoor recreation to encourage positive community participation through science-based experiential education. Dan has focused the critical, strategic, and systems thinking skills learned at Champlain College through an ecological economic lens to gain experience as a community developer. In 2014-15, as an AmeriCorps volunteer at the Tucker County, West Virginia Economic Development Authority, Dan developed strategies to manage growth and connect community organizations with State leadership. In fall 2015, Dan moved to Spruce Knob, West Virginia, the state’s highest peak, to work at The Mountain Institute, a nonprofit outdoor education center. On Spruce Knob, Dan gained about 2500’ of elevation (occupying the unofficial highest trailer in West Virginia) and invaluable experience working as an outdoor education instructor leading multi-day backcountry trips designed to inspire leadership and stewardship in young adults. Now in Salmon, Dan can be found in and around most flowing liquids, whether it’s one of the region’s rivers or a beer tap.



Dan Hobbs
Education and Outreach
Coordinator, SVS



Mike Whitson
Board Member, LRLT

Growing up working (and fishing) on a small ranch near the mouth of Hayden Creek, Mike learned at an early age that working landscapes can go hand in hand with highly functioning and productive fish and wildlife habitat. Prior to moving back to Lemhi County in 2013, Mike worked in the private engineering and environmental consulting field on a broad cross-section of project types including mine permitting, environmental remediation, and natural resource management. Now employed as a hydrologist for the Bureau of Land Management, Mike is an Idaho Registered Professional Geologist and holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Master of Science in Hydrologic Science from Boise State University. Mike hopes that his broad range of work experience will provide him useful insight and benefit the long-term goals of LRLT.

Toni’s Corner

Since stepping into the role of Executive Director at Salmon Valley Stewardship this past October, I’ve relished being a part of the daily enthusiasm in our office and the discovery that is part of life at Salmon Valley Stewardship and in Salmon! Like the transitions the seasons bring to every landscape, we’ve experienced sprouting, growth, and re-seeding within our board and staff over the last year.

We’ve been completely giddy since local foodie, farmer, and Beaverhead Endurance racer, Ella Deutchman, took the helm as our new board chair. We have a perfect fit with Sean Bascom as our board treasurer and Tiffanie McCallister brings unending humor, filling the role of board Secretary. Sara Campbell is our newest board member who pitched right in on our Pollinator Pathway Art mural installation day. In April, we welcomed Dan Hobbs to Salmon as our new Education, Outreach, and Communication Coordinator.

As we’ve taken on convening diverse stakeholders around public land’s planning, we’ve been welcomed into and learned more about life in our neighboring communities, from Leadore to May, Mackay, and out to Stanley. If you haven’t heard the public lands stories shared by the Out.Land.Ish podcast team of SVS’s own Rachel Layman and Mindy Crowell, along with Liz Townley with the USFS, I invite you to listen (you can find out how to access it on page two). When I step back and see our achievements and experience the commitment of our communities to the vitality of our special corner of the world, I am grateful for your support of our mission, which makes it all possible.

The Hands on the Land Program Still Rocks

This past May, Salmon Valley Stewardship continued the Hands on the Land program in partnership with the US Bureau of Land Management and Salmon Middle School. Early in the month, a group of 70 7th graders traveled to Craters of the Moon National Monument to see Idaho’s volcanic history first-hand. At the end of the month, almost 40 students took their end-of-the-year celebration to Discovery Hill for an afternoon of mountain biking with SIMBA, disc golf, and photography.



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