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News from Lemhi Regional Land Trust and Salmon Valley Stewardship

A Quarterly Newsletter

September 2016

Congressman Simpson Addresses Working Lands Celebration

Lemhi Regional Land Trust hosted the 11th annual Working Lands Celebration on July 27th at the Sacajawea Center, drawing a record crowd. The Jenn Snyder Band played through the evening, Congressman Mike Simpson was featured as the guest speaker and Mike England provided auctioneer services. At the end of the night, approximately 250 people attended the event raising a record setting \$19,000. Funds raised from the event provide important general operating funds to LRLT, allowing us to keep our doors open, develop new projects and work with interested landowners in Lemhi and Custer counties. A special thank you goes out to our event sponsors: Ken Hill, The Tonsmeires, Eagle Valley Ranch, Jeff and Gina Knudson and Bob and Nancy Russell.



Top Right: Rep. Mike Simpson; Bottom Right: LRLT Chair Merrill Beyeler and Executive Director Kristin Troy
Many thanks to:

 *Open View Photography*
Ilona McCarty

Changing Faces of Conservation

LRLT and SVS provide an internship program through the generosity of US Fish & Wildlife Service and Whitman College. **Samantha Zuger** (USFWS) and **Olivia Sasaki** (Whitman) give us hope for the next generation of conservation leaders. Thank you so much Sam and Olivia!



Olivia Sasaki listening for sage grouse.



Sam Zuger recycles fishing line.

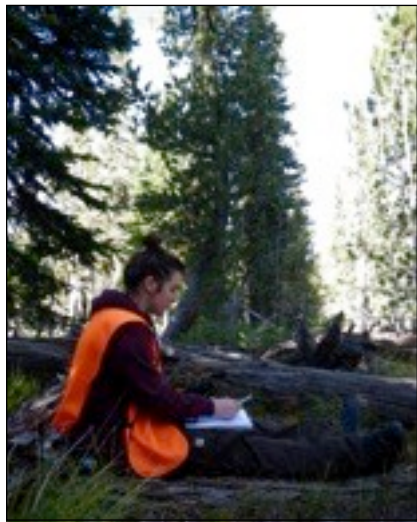
Whitman intern 2015 **Hannah Alverson** returned to work on SVS's range crew, under the expert guidance of our first ever Whitman intern and now range program manager **Jenny Gonyer**.

Erik McLaury, also on SVS's range crew, returned to U of MT to complete his botany degree after months of staring at Central Idaho plants and botanist **Aaron Rosenblum** is the new natural resource specialist for a Central Washington Conservation District.



Hannah Alverson, Aaron Rosenblum, and Erik McLaury monitoring in Copper Basin.

Our 2015 Fish & Wildlife Service intern **Madison Harper** accepted our invitation to stay on for a year in a conservation fellowship role. We are stunned that the year is now over. Madison's next stop is Dubois, Wyoming. The people of Wyoming should celebrate the arrival of this incredibly bright, hard-working and delightful young woman!



Madison Harper taking notes on whitebark.

Marii Stratter and **Mindy Crowell**, SVS's Local Foods Americorps VISTA volunteers, completed their 1 year of service. These women taught us how much can be accomplished in 365 days!



Marii Stratter at Community Dinner Table.

Better still, both of these superstars are staying in Salmon. Marii is cooking for the lucky kids at HeadStart, among her many other endeavors, and Mindy is continuing on in a new role at SVS. She'll be working as our new fund development and collaboration specialist.



Mindy Crowell at Community Dinner Table.

Speaking of collaboration specialists, you may have heard that **Gina Knudson** is the new Salmon-Challis National Forest's collaboration specialist. Longtime SVS board member, wildlife biologist, and most recently Central



Gina Knudson and the Salmon River.

Idaho rep for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, **Toni Ruth**, will be Salmon Valley Stewardship's new executive director.



Toni Ruth monitoring in Hughes Creek.

Whew! Who says nothing ever changes around here? Congratulations all!



Salmon Valley Stewardship's
9th Annual HARVEST CELEBRATION
 Friday, September 23
AT THE SALMON ELK'S LODGE
 * Local Foods * Local Brews * Silent Auction *
 Friday, September 23 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM
 Buy tickets: www.SalmonValley.org/tickets
 * A delicious, locally sourced tasting menu
 * Presentation of the 2016 David Krosting Sustainability Award
 * Creative silent auction items
 For more information
 208/756.1686 * info@SalmonValley.org



Jerry Myers and Michael Philpott know their way around a smoked, Lemhi County free range chicken. This talented family's auction item of a dinner for 6 at Indian Creek Guest Ranch is sure to be one of the Harvest Celebration's hot tickets. To preview the night's line-up, you can go to <http://www.salmonvalley.org/2016-silent-auction/>.

If by some unfortunate circumstances, you can't make the September 23 event, please feel free to call us with your absentee bid.

Special Thanks to Our 2016 Harvest Celebration Sponsors



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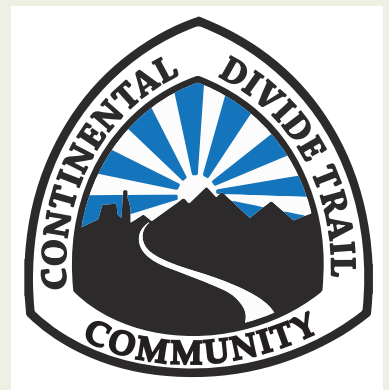
Trailapalooza Showcases the Teamwork Behind the Trails

On August 7 - 9, trails enthusiasts gathered together to improve Lemhi County trails. The Salmon Valley Trails Committee sponsored the event and SVS was proud to work side-by-side next to Youth Employment Program, Student Conservation Association, Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association, the Bureau of Land Management, the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and the Idaho Trails Association. Special thanks to Ken Price of Cowboy Cuisine!!

CDT Gateway Community

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition has named Lemhi County as its newest Gateway Community.

The designation helps CDT travelers know that Lemhi County businesses and residents are dedicated to promoting the trail and serving the needs of hikers from here and abroad.



COMING THIS FALL! Join LRLT & the Lemhi County Historical Society on Tues, November 1 for a tour of the Eagle Valley Ranch conservation easement on Bohannon Creek where we'll explore the rich and colorful history of the transitioning uses and inhabitants of Bohannon Creek over the years with Dr. Hope Benedict. Transportation & refreshments will be provided-space is limited. Call Charli at 756-8879 for more information



Bohannon Creek today is a classically pastoral scene. Photo by Ilona McCarty



Bohannon Creek of the past had a more industrial flair. Photo courtesy of Lemhi County Historical Society.

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