EXTENSION TRENDS: *CLEARWATER COUNTY*

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2021 By the Numbers

- **4,309** direct contacts
- **441** youth participants
- **54** volunteers
- **2,500** volunteer hours
- **$56,400** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Clearwater County: County Commissioners, Chris St. Germain, Alex Irby, Eileen Rowan, Norm Tomlinson, Larry Taylor, NRCS, Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District Board and our many workshop patrons.

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2021 Impact

Despite the challenges of the continuing pandemic, UI Extension, Clearwater County conducted 10 adult education events (seven of them virtual) reaching 257 clients, representing 4,041,688 acres of land, and 93 new clients. Workshop topics included Introduction to Small-Scale Grass-Fed Beef Production for the Rural Landowner, Weed Management in Field and Forest, Natural Resource Planning for Rural Landowners, How to Plan and Manage a Timber Harvest on Your Property, Managing for Forest Resilience, Wildlife Management for Landowners, Forest Insects and Disease Field Day, Anticipated Effects of Climate Change on Forests and Other Ecosystems, and Preparing for the 2021 Wildfire Season: Reducing Wildfire Risk to Your Home and Outbuildings. In addition, presentations were made at the Idaho Forest Owners Association annual field day, the Clearwater Basin Collaborative and at national conferences.

UI Extension took the lead on a program in partnership with Clearwater Basin Collaborative to host a two-night webinar series on Clearwater Basin Elk: History, Research and Management. A total of 107 people registered for the event and over 50 viewed the recording online. Elk biologists and researchers were brought together from the US Forest Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, University of Idaho and other organizations to present. The program won a national Achievement Award for Outstanding Team from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals.

Adult direct engagement activities increased by 43% over 2020 to 102, and direct adult engagement contacts went up 43% to 1,244. Adult education programs bring attendees the latest science on land management to encourage sound land stewardship and the perpetuation of Idaho's abundant natural resources and their use to provide a robust economy for rural Idaho.

4-H in Clearwater County

Clearwater County 4-H continued to see growth in all areas, most importantly, enrolled members and projects. 4-H market animal projects were the highest of the last 20 years at 82 completed projects.

4-H volunteers conducted in-person meetings and four project camps along with community service, making 1,600 contacts. Social media continues to be an effective way to communicate with families and the community with over 20,000 views. Resuming CL2N 4-H Camp after postponing a year due to the pandemic, with a new location, enhanced safety procedures, and eager volunteers and teen leaders made camp a success for 134 campers.

Community support made the 2021 livestock auction the highest grossing in program history. Just over $156,000 was raised for local 4-H youth.

On the Horizon

In 2022, renewed live programing and forest tours are planned, as well as a continuation of some programs delivered virtually, including a webinar on climate change and salmon in the Snake River Basin. The highly popular workshop, Current Topics of Farm and Forest Health, will return, and other workshops that offer ISDA pesticide applicator credits will be offered for many clients who hold applicator licenses.

4-H market animal project growth necessitates improvements to the fair barn to accommodate the animals. Clearwater County Commissioners will fund a $20,000 project to replace the old, wood swine pens with new, galvanized metal pens.