

Q 3 LCUWC REPORT

October 2025

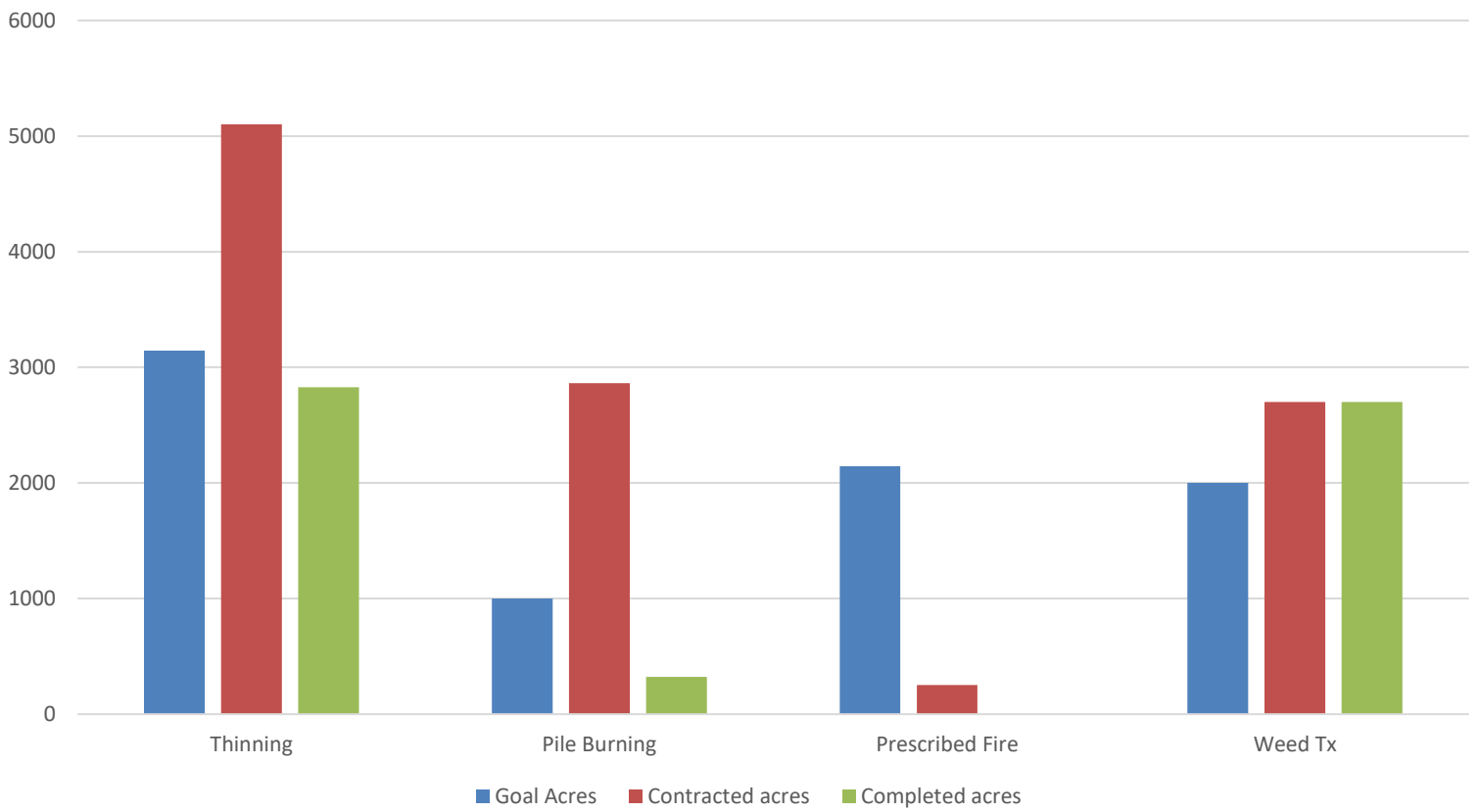


UPLANDS: PROJECT STATUS REPORT

AWARDED GRANTS

PROJECT TITLE	STATUS Q3	OUTLOOK Q4
Mini FIP Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted completion report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and status reports as needed
Prescribed Fire RAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit with Contractor and LO's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burn as soon as condition allow
2021 Post Fire Recovery (OWEB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted completion report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telling our story via Facebook
Mule Deer Enhancement Goose Lake Basin (ODFW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted completion report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and status reports as needed
NRCS IRA funding through Wallowa Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with NRCS and WR Submitted semiannual progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoice as needed
Summer Lake Slash Management Restoration (OWEB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized burning contract with Lakeview FD Waiting on signature from one LO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burn as soon as condition allow
LCALRI FIP (OWEB) Partnership TA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Partnership Meetings 107 meetings so far 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Partnership Meetings
LCALRI FIP (OWEB) Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with ODF Land Management Planning Submit progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine if alternate assistance is needed
LCALRI FIP (OWEB) Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held Forestry 101 workshop Facebook posts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce and conduct fall workshops (Rx fires)
LCALRI FIP (OWEB) Restoration See chart below for acreages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinning and piling is ongoing Aerially sprayed herbicide for IAG Prepping for pile burning (contracts with ODF, Lakeview FD, and other contractors) Planning prescribed fires on Collins Pine Reaching out to other LO about Rx fires Submit progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor and invoice restoration projects Hold bid tour for next round of restoration units 27 invitations, 14 replies
LCALRI FIP (OWEB) Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crews started in June and completed post treatment plots and pre-treatment plots on private lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin analysis on monitoring data

LCALRI FIP Biennium 1 as of 9-22-25



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Abert /Summer/ Silver Lake Basin

Project	Status
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Assessment	Finalized end of September with water quality study included. Hard copies will be provided to all stakeholders.
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Restoration Project	Funds are secured. The LCUWC advertised the RFP in August and the Upper Chewaucan Watershed Partnership selected SHN Engineers to complete culvert and diversion designs, SWCA for floodplain restoration designs, and Brummer for rangeland and post fire upland designs.
Strategic Implementation Area (SIA) Water Quality Study (SWCD Grant)	The SIA Team has evolved to the Upper Chewaucan Watershed Partnership and will continue to meet quarterly as we work on the Upper Chewaucan Watershed Restoration Project.
South Creek BDAs with SWCD	Brandi worked with Highschool students and project partners to support implementation of BDA's on South Creek.
Wet Meadow Resilience Stakeholder Engagement Project	Watershed Resilience Team continues to meet monthly to plan ways to educate and engage with landowners and ag producers in the County. The current plan is to help host a winter 4 part series at local establishments and bring topics and speakers to present on relevant land management strategies and programs.



Highschool BDA crew on Camas Creek learning about process based restoration



Highschool BDA crew on Day 1 training at Campbell Mill near Cox Pass.

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Goose Lake Basin

Project	Status
Cox Creek Fish Passage and Screening	Fish Screen implementation starts September 22 nd . Fish bypass channel to be completed by November 1 st . Completion Deadline December 1, 2025
Drews Creek Fish Passage	Mobilization and fish salvage has begun. Construction through October.
Cottonwood Creek Process Based Restoration	Phase III has been staked. Crew will need to complete by November 1 st . Completion Deadline December 5, 2025.
Cottonwood Creek Habitat Restoration	Permit applications have been submitted. Once permits are secured we will place the project out for bids and order materials.
Cougar Peak Patton Meadow Post Fire Restoration	US Forest Service RAC funds are secured to complete large wood treatment on upper Mesman Creek, BDAs on Camp Creek, and Muddy Creek. We applied for additional OWEB funds to include Phase II BDAs on Pine and Willow Creek and support implementation on Camp and Mesman.
Cox Flat Stage Zero	Cultural survey and report complete. Determining our approach for implementation given the cultural resources in the area.
Camp/Augur Creek Fish Passage Project	Involves two diversions and two road crossings. Duck Unlimited agreement for 100K has been signed. Contracted SHN for TA. Applied for Desert Fish Habitat Partnership grant - application ranked high. Waiting for FY26 awards.
Thomas Creek Diversion	Applied to OWEB for planning and design funds.
Goose Lake Fishes Working Group	Tour and Workshop on October 23rd from 10 to 3 in Lakeview. Will visit Bauers Creek and Cox Creek irrigation diversion fish passage projects. Plan to update the Goose Lake Fishes Conservation Strategy.

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Warner Basin

Project	Status
Twentymile MC Diversion	US Forest Service Agreement to modify existing fish bypass channel and irrigation operations. In Progress.
Deep Creek Town Assessment	ODFW monitoring results showed low numbers of sucker in the reaches under investigation. Partnership will need to make a decision on need for passage/screening. Completion Deadline December 1st, 2025.
Deep Creek Starveout Fish Screen (Plan and Design)	Met with Adel Water Users several times in August/Sept to discuss size and type of screen that would be best suited for location. Cone Screen was the preferred alternative. Completion Deadline 30th, 2025
Effectiveness Monitoring Study	Completion Deadline December 31, 2025. Monitoring results will be published by ODFW.
Deep Creek Givans Diversion	Waiting on Water Right transfer approval with OWRD. Once transfer is approved we can begin permitting, remove diversion, and implement pump station to serve remaining water right associated with diversion. Requested extension on OWEB Grant.
Deep Creek Habitat Enhancement	Partnership Meeting / Finalize plans for Starveout design fish screen / Technical Review Team meeting to approve June applications

FIP Updates

- USFWS published its 5-year review which provides insight on what we need to focus on for the next 5 yrs to delist the species. Passage, Screening, Monitoring Trends
- FIP funding needs to be into grant agreements by **June 30, 2026**. Approx \$700,000 remains from OWEB FIP.
- Projects in discussion: Kiosks to support education and outreach and address non-natives in the system. Creating fish passage in the Deep Creek ditch network, modifying the MC Diversion, Monitoring plan to demonstrate trends.
- New FIP rules allows us to apply for open solicitations projects while the FIP funds are unspent. This will allow our efforts to continue.
- BLM agreements close July 2026. Will work with BLM this fall on possible extensions.

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Photos of Summer Work and Site Visits



South Creek



Cox Creek Fish Screen Site



Thomas Creek Grant Development

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

2025 Q3 Report

Meadow Resilience Workshop



SOCIAL MEDIA

Data as of 9/19/2025

Social Media

- Facebook = 540 Followers (Q2 500)
- Instagram = 363 Followers (Q2 347)
- Since March 2023: Facebook 392 | Instagram 211

Website:

- June (415), July (240), Aug. (502), Sept. (119)

EDUCATION/OUTREACH

- **Workshops:** Meadow Resilience (June), Forestry 101 (June), Bale Grazing (Sept.), Goose Lake Fishes (Oct.)
- Lake County Fair Table (Aug. 28th - Sept. 1st)
- Fall Outdoor School (September 23rd)
- Spring Outdoor School Scheduled (May 13th)



Lake County Fair Table

Summer Lake Wildlife Area



SMALL GRANTS

3 Funded Projects in 2025, 1 Project Closed

Applications in Progress:

- Paisley - Bagley Irrigation District (Chaylon)
- Adel - Shadler Ranch, Stock Well (Chaylon)
- Summer Lake - Pump & Pipeline Upgrade (Riane)
- Summer Lake - WLA Center Pivot Conversion (Riane)
- Adel - Juniper Management (Brandi)

Goose Lake Fishes Working Group

TOUR AND WORKSHOP

**Save
The
Date**

 **THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 23RD
10 AM - 3 PM**

 lakecountywsc.com/workshops



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