

Q 2 LCUWC REPORT

July 2024



UPLANDS: PROJECT STATUS REPORT

AWARDED GRANTS

PROJECT TITLE	STATUS Q2	OUTLOOK Q3
Mini FIP Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate remaining funds • Flag and GPS • Create contracts and LO agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and invoice
Prescribed Fire RAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep for implementation • Last of juniper cut and piled • KLFHP tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check LO progress • Prep for fall burn
County Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice as needed
South Warner TA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold LO workshop • Mail out binders • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail out binders
2021 Post Fire Recovery (OWEB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory herbicide effectiveness • Plan respraying needs • Plan reseeding needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order chemical • Order seed • Finalize contractor
Mule Deer Enhancement Goose Lake Basin (ODFW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete CR surveys • Submit to ODFW and SHPO • Bid tour • GPS and flag hand crew work • Create contracts and LO agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Await CR recommendations • Plan machine work • Create contracts and LO agreements • Monitor and invoice
NRCS IRA funding through Wallowa Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice as needed
USFS IRA funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded \$85k • KWP will hold funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice as needed
Summer Lake Slash Management Restoration (OWEB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold bid tour • Start planning for fall burn
LCALRI FIP (OWEB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded • Attend FIP cohort 4 kickoff meeting • Hold partnership meetings • Get signatures for MOU • Submit Partnership TA grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue partnership mtgs • Prep for other grants
HDRFPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping with USFS grant • Allocate funding • LO agreements and flagging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize contracts • Inspect and invoice

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FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

PROJECT TITLE	STATUS Q2	OUTLOOK Q3
Summer Lake All Lands (BLM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BLM funding cut• No award	
America the Beautiful Challenge (ODFW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted pre-proposal• Still awaiting acceptance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If accepted, develop more detailed proposal

SMALL GRANT – PROJECT STATUS REPORT

PROJECT TITLE	STATUS Q2	OUTLOOK Q3
Zarozinski Upland Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspections tree removal and invoice• Brush mowing contracted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to inspect and ensure objectives are met

Stream and Riparian

Goose Lake Basin

Project	Status
Cox Creek Fish Passage and Screening	Fish Passage: Received notice that Oregon Conservation Rec Fund awarded grant. We are working on the agreement and would like to implement this fall . Screening: Working with ODFW Fish Screen Shop to fabricate the screen. Working with USFS to permit. Planning to implement this year.
Camp Creek Fish Passage	We have 60% designs the lower irrigation diversion and road crossing. We are awaiting an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to place \$100,000 on project. Need to do design for upper irrigation diversion and then we can seek implementation funds for 2 diversions and 2 road crossings.
Cottonwood Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement	Cultural survey and report was completed this spring. Next step is to secure permits and additional funds.
Cottonwood Creek Post Fire Recovery	Phase I implemented in 2023. RDG assesses Phase I and staked out Phase II in June. Implementation to begin after July 15th .
Cougar Peak Patton Meadow Post Fire Restoration	With the support of Anabran Solutions and ODFW, We visited and assessed Phase I BDA's on Messman and Muddy Creek. We will likely apply for RAC funds for Phase II.
Drews Creek Fish Passage and Stream Restoration	Cultural Survey and Report are complete. New Agreement with Desert Fish Habitat Partnership. Project is fully funded. Contracted Anderson Engineering and Surveying, they are working to permit the project. Looking to implement this fall .
Three Creeks Low Tech Process Based Restoration	Implemented crossing fencing this winter to improve grazing management.
Goose Lake Water Conservation Feasibility Study	RDG is working to complete the final report. We extended the OWRD agreement with a new deadline of August 2024.
Cox Flat Stage Zero Technical Assistance	New Grant Agreement with OWEB. Kicked off planning meeting with partners. Will meet on the ground in Sept.
Lake Co. Wet Meadow Resilience Stakeholder Engagement	New Grant Agreement with OWEB. Working on contract with Pivot. Earth to manage project. Working on funding agreement with Pheasants Forever to support local coordinator. The goal is to support NRCS program in Lake County.

Stream and Riparian

Abert /Summer/ Silver Lake Basin

Project	Status
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Assessment	Draft is completed. RDG is working to refine draft so we can send to stakeholders.
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Planning and Design Project	LCUWC, SWCD, USFS, BLM, and 3 Private Landowners signed an MOU in January. MOU provided means for grant eligibility and LCUWC submitted another WaterSMART Bureau of Reclamation grant proposal in January. We are waiting to hear about the outcome.
Strategic Implementation Area Water Quality Study (SWCD Grant)	SIA Team still meets regularly. Water quality monitoring will continue through 2024. Water quality data will be part of the watershed assessment.
Campbell Mill Wetland and Aspen Enhancement	ACOE permitting is completed. Contractor is staging material gearing up for implemenation this season.
Dairy Creek Streambank Stabilization	Cultural compliance and permitting is still in progress. We would like to implement this fall.
Cougar PeaK Patton Meadow Post Fire Restoration	With the support of Anabranh Solutions and ODFW, We visited and assessed Phase I BDA's on Pine Creek and Willow Creek. Looks fantastic - structure all still intact holding back water and expanding the riparian green zone.

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Warner Basin

Project	Status
Town Assessment	Starting spring 2024 through summer of 2024. The project will inform us on necessary steps to address fish in the irrigation network.
Warner Sucker Effectiveness Monitoring	ODFW set up antennas at the O’Keeffe Fish Ladder this spring and placed PIT tags in sucker fish below diversion to evaluate fish passage effectiveness. Will provide report.
Deep Creek Givans Diversion Fish Passage Phase II	Water rights transfer paperwork submitted to OWRD January 2024. Awaiting the process.
Twenty-mile Creek MC Diversion	New grant agreement in place with USFS to complete design modification
Camas Creek Beaver Dam Analogs	New grant agreement with USFWS and permitting in progress. Phase II Implementation is planned for this fall.
Deep Creek Starveout Fish Screen Technical Assistance	New grant agreement with OWEB in place and work has begun.
Deep Creek Warner Sucker Habitat Enhancement	Awaiting New grant agreement to implement fence only.

Stream and Riparian

Summary

Total Projects: **22**

New Grant Agreements: **7**

Total New Funds: **\$430,000**

Anticipated projects to the ground this field season: **6**

Projects to be closed out: **2**

*Working with NRCS, OATS, DU, IMWJV on application for a Lake County Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). *Waterbird, Working Lands, and Easements*

Recent Site Visits with Partners



Thomas Creek with Ashley (DU), Ed (IMWJV), Sean (NRCS)



Willow Creek with Gus (Anabran Solutions) and Justin (ODFW)



Camas Creek with Dirk and Leah (USFWS)

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



SOCIAL MEDIA

Data as of 6/27/2024

Social Media

- Facebook = 384 Likes, 434 Followers
- Instagram = 311 Followers (100 more followers in 1 year)!
- Top performing post: 286 Engagements, 1047 Reached

Website:

- 2,721 visitors in the last 12 months, 231 in the last 30 days

EDUCATION/OUTREACH

Outdoor School

- 80 4th graders representing 7 schools
- 16 Station Presenters, 15 FFA Student Volunteers
- Highlight Video = 633 views
- Funded by Lake County Community Foundation Grant

Buck Creek Beaver Project (fall)

- North Lake & Paisley Students



SMALL GRANTS

Applications in Progress

- Drews Creek Habitat Enhancement
- Hampton & Withers Creek Riparian Enhancement
- Willow & Pine Creek Riparian Enhancement
- Butler Upland Enhancement

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIPS

AT A GLANCE

- New office space
- 2023 Tax Return
- New Grants
- Action Plan Update

Finance

General Fund balance as of July 1, 2024:
\$406,503.47

Sum of Active Grant Funds Awarded:
\$7,432,819.00

Sum of Other Funds in Bank Account:
**\$222,597.72 (NRCS/Wallowa Resource Funds
Included in this Total)**

Partnerships

- **Chewaucan Watershed Collaborative-** *In-person meeting June 11-12, strategy planning phase*
- **Lake County Cooperative Weed Management Area-** Preparing for FIP
- **Klamath Lake Forest Health Partnership-** Continued meetings, Riane providing outreach support, awarded LCALRI FIP
- **Lake County SWCDs-** *June 21 meeting*
- **Network of Oregon Watershed Councils-** Hiring new ED
- **Chewaucan SIA-** Recent partnership meeting, Riane providing sampling support
- **Warner Basin Aquatic Habitat Partnership-** Meets quarterly.
- **Oregon Desert Land Trust-** Hired new manager for Trout Creek Ranch
- **Oregon Department of Forestry-** *\$5,100.00 FPA Violation Donation*
- **Oregon Prescribed Fire Collaborative-** No updates.
- **Intermountain West Joint Venture-** Hired Sean Chambers as partner biologist, Lakeview. Participating in Chewaucan activities.