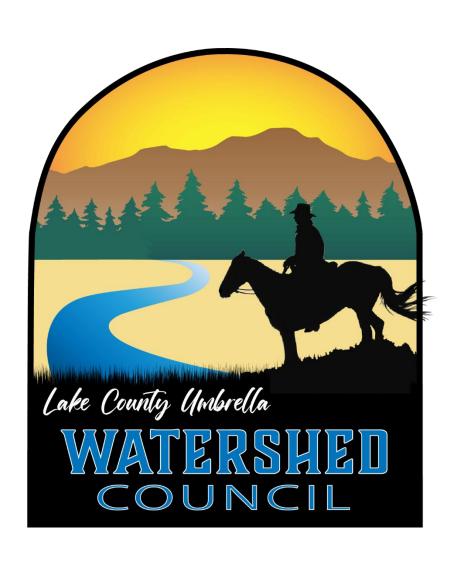
# Q 2 LCUWC REPORT

**June 2025** 

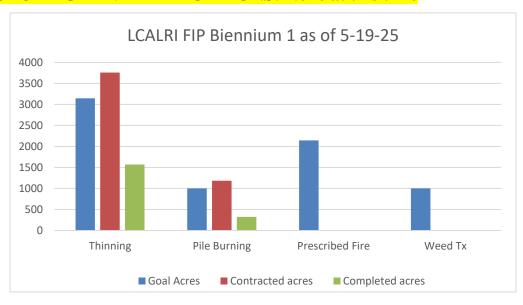


## <u>UPLANDS</u>: **PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

#### **AWARDED GRANTS**

PROJECT TITLE	STATUS Q2	OUTLOOK Q3
Mini FIP Phase 2	<ul><li>Spend down remaining money</li><li>Monitor and invoice last project</li></ul>	Submit completion report
Prescribed Fire RAC	On hold till fall 2025	On hold till fall 2025
2021 Post Fire Recovery (OWEB)	<ul> <li>Inspect final contour felling</li> <li>Inspect tree planting</li> <li>Inspect final fence felling</li> </ul>	Submit completion report
Mule Deer Enhancement Goose Lake Basin (ODFW)	Monitor and invoice last project	Submit completion report
NRCS IRA funding through Wallowa Resources	Funding available again	Invoice as needed
Summer Lake Slash Management Restoration (OWEB)	<ul><li>Submit progress report</li><li>Wait until fall for burn window</li></ul>	Wait until fall for burn window
LCALRI FIP (OWEB)	<ul> <li>Continue Partnership Meetings</li> <li>Technical Assistance: finalize contracts with foresters</li> <li>Stakeholder Engagement: Held 2 Workshops</li> <li>Restoration: Field work is ongoing</li> <li>Submitted Monitoring grant and revisions, awaiting GA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue Partnership Meetings</li> <li>Create Survey 123</li> <li>Hold next workshop</li> <li>Continue to monitor and invoice restoration projects</li> <li>Plan next round of restoration units</li> <li>Prep for monitoring crew</li> </ul>

#### **UPLANDS FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS: None at this time**



## **Abert /Summer/ Silver Lake Basin**

Project	Status
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Assessment	Final draft is waiting for the SIA water quality data to be completed. We will pubilsh in June. Draft is on our website.
Upper Chewaucan Watershed Restoration Project	Ready to sign Bureau of Reclamation agreement for approximately \$600k to complete design plans (culverts, diversions, floodplain, upland). They have postponed our meeting due to federal funding freeze and have requested contracts and proof of rates. Still waiting on agreement.
Strategic Implementation Area Water Quality Study (SWCD Grant)	Members of the SIA Team will meet in March. Water Quality data is still being collected.
South Creek BDAs with SWCD	Working with Fara and the Lakeview High School to implement approx. 30 BDAs on South Creek in July - Aug. We are in process of determining the schedule for the crew.
Wet Meadow Resilience Stakeholder Engagement Project	Workshop Tour is planned for June 18 <sup>th</sup> . See Flyer!





## Goose Lake Basin

Project	Status
Cox Creek Fish Passage and Screening	Diversion is in place. Fish bypass, rehab, and demob are planned to take place once we can get back in the stream and finish up. Fish Screen on upper Cox Creek is planned to be implemented in August.
Drews Creek Fish Passage	Contracted. Construction will begin just as soon as irrigation has concluded for the season.
Cottonwood Creek Process Based Restoraiton	Assessment by SWCA will take place in late June or early July. The assessment will drive a Phase III build/maintenance plan.
Cottonwood Creek Habitat Restoration	Awarded \$135,000 Private Forest Accord grant through ODFW. Permits in progress. We plan to bid out this summer and constuct this fall.
Cougar PeaK Patton Meadow Post Fire Restoration	Culvert Crossing on Camp Creek will be implemented in June on Collins Timber property.  Upper Mesman design plan, culture survey, and permit application will be completed by end of June.  Camp Creek will be access with Collins in June to determine if the need is still relevant.  We will shift to USFS RAC funds for continued work.
Cox Flat Stage Zero	Planning, Design, and Compliance through 2025.
Camp/Augur Creek Fish Passage Project	Involves two diversions and two road crossings. Duck Unlimited agreement for 100K has been signed. Working to contract SHN for TA. Applied for Desert Fish Habitat Partnership grant - application ranked high. Waiting for FY26 awards.
Thomas Creek Diversion	Developing new project. Will apply for technical assistance through OWEB in July.
Goose Lake Fishes Working Group	Met with USFWS about the petiion to list 3 Goose Lake species. Once we hear about the review we will plan and host a workshop and tour to keep this group engaged and active.

## Warner Basin 2025 FIP Schedule

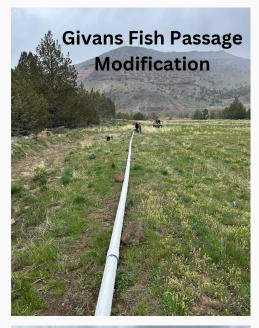
Month	Tasks
February	Met with water users and provided monitoring data, project status, and Warner sucker recovery outlook
March/April	Meet on Honey Creek design plans - need to approve
May	Partnership Meeting (Canceled)
June	Final FIP applications deadline, \$ 2.3 million allocated into projects
July	Present to OWEB Board
August	Partnership Meeting / Finalize plans for Starveout design fish screen / Technical Review Team meeting to approve June applications
September	Deadline: Starveout Fish Screen Design Grant
October	Sign grant agreements for final FIP projects
November	Partnership Meeting
Decmeber	Deadline: Effective Monitoring Grant/ Town Assessment/ Capacity Grant/ Givans II

#### FIP Updates

- The goal of the project is to meet recovery criteria that would lead to the delisting of the Warner sucker. USFWS will be publishing its 5-year review this year on the work done to meet recovery plan. This will provide us insight on where to focus our efforts after passage is restored.
- FIP funding needs to be into grant agreements by **June 30, 2026**.
- New FIP rules allows us to apply for open solicitations projects while the FIP funds are unspent. This will allow our efforts to continue.
- Next FIP cycle will be in 2026, we will need to determine if we want to pursue a FIP 2.0 or just continue our work through open solicitation grant cycle.
- Projects we in discussion: Kiosks to support education and outreach and address non-natives in the system. Screening the Town ditch or creating fish passage in the ditch network, modifying the MC Diversion, Monitoring plan to demonstrate trends, stock water if it will have a benefit to sucker habitat, screening needs
- BLM agreements close July 2026.

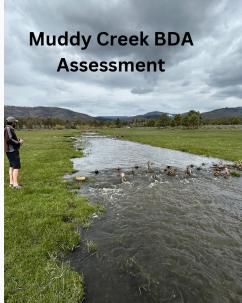
**Spring Site Visits and Work** 



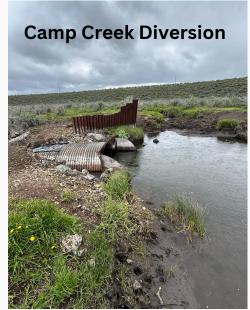












# FOUCATION SOZE FOUCATION OUTREACH



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Data as of 5/19/2025 Social Media

- Facebook = 429 Likes, 500 Followers (Q1 413 & 482)
- Instagram = 347 Followers (Q1 341)
- Since March 2023: Facebook 392 | Instagram 211

#### Website:

3,723 visitors in the last 30 days

#### **EDUCATION/OUTREACH**

Outdoor School Wednesday, May 14th at Jones Crossing Forest Camp

**Workshops Page on our Website** 

**Meadow Resilience Field Tour** 

**Union Outdoor School June 2025** 





### **SMALL GRANTS**

#### **Applications in Progress:**

- Schultz Antelope Creek Restoration
- Yocum Valley Stream Restoration North
- Yocum Valley Stream Restoration South

**Grant Agreements Signed, Waiting on Funding**