

Wallowa County Vitality Summit

Presenter Questionnaire

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Mission and Purpose in Wallowa County:

To promote and facilitate natural resource conservation in Wallowa County.

Key Metrics/outcomes/impacts for the past year:

- Utilized NRCS funding to hire an engineering firm to design 2 pipeline projects and OWEB funding to implement.
- Coordinated with landowners and other entities to work on control of the control of Leafy Spurge in the Leap Area.
- Took water samples once a month in Prairie Creek.

Current Top 3 priorities/focus areas:

1. Irrigation efficiency projects and monitoring in the Prairie Creek watershed.
2. Do irrigation related inventories in the Alder Slope area.
3. Continue working on large and small OWEB projects (thinnings, water developments, weed control)

Challenges that you most need help with, either from another organization or the community at large:

- Water Quality issues
- Analyzing Prairie Creek Riparian areas for ODA.
- Weed control

Top 3 opportunities you see for the coming year:

1. Help with juniper control.
2. Continue working in Prairie Creek.
3. Continue education programs.

Number of current active/serious collaborators: 14

Who would you like to collaborate with more?

Any entity that can help with SWCD programs or with entities that the SWCD can help with their program.