

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **CLEARWATER COUNTY**

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## 2025 By the Numbers

- **20,652** direct contacts
- **205** youth participants
- **29** volunteers
- **2,175** volunteer hours
- **\$3,000** 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: Chris Goetz, Eileen Rowan, Polly Henderson, John and Vickie Larson, Mike Reggear, Colleen Sholar, Amy Powers, Chris Gerhart and Silas Gilliam.

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## 2025 Impact

UI Extension, Clearwater County programs strengthened natural resource education, youth development and community partnerships across the region. Through the Idaho Forest Stewardship Program, UI Extension helped coordinate statewide delivery of 36 workshops and field days, including seven in Clearwater County. Evaluations show increased knowledge in forest health, insect and disease identification, and applied forest management practices. Collaboration with Idaho Department of Lands, U.S. Forest Service, conservation districts and the Idaho Forest Owners Association enhanced forestry education.

UI Extension supported the North Central Idaho Workforce Development Day, where 374 students, plus teachers and staff, from 14 schools explored natural resource career pathways. The event featured opportunities with industry partners from across the region, and was completed in part as a senior project by Orofino High School student Owen Henderson. Advisory member John Larson, of M. John Larson Logging, served as project mentor and was crucial to making the event happen. Congressional staff, the American Logging Council, Idaho Associated Loggers Contractors and numerous other industry leaders also supported the event (pictured), further highlighting the impact that natural resources plays within the region and beyond.

## 4-H in Clearwater County

In 2025, 4-H in Clearwater County served 205 youth with the support of 29 dedicated volunteers. Youth exhibitors brought 98 animal projects and 157 non-animal projects to the Clearwater County Fair. Community outreach efforts continued with a summer Extension intern, Allison Kinzer, who supported programming across multiple areas. She led STEM activities at the Farmers Market, assisted with 4-H projects, helped lead a community service project at the CL2NI 4-H Camp and supported local youth day camps and project-focused camps.

The 62nd annual Sixth Grade Forestry Tour provided natural resource education and career exploration opportunities for all local sixth-grade students. The 4-H program in Clearwater County also contributed to a range of statewide and local programs, including Know Your Government Conference, livestock field days, 4-H robotics teams, Meats Field Day, Dairy Days, Dog Days, Farm Safety Day, ag literacy programs and additional community events. UI Extension collaborated with local agencies to expand educational opportunities for youth at activities such as CL2NI 4-H Camp, Youth Livestock Field Days, the Orofino Elementary School Health Fair and the Clearwater County Fair.

## On the Horizon

UI Extension, Clearwater County will continue delivering programs in natural resources, agriculture and 4-H youth development. The Idaho Forest Stewardship Program remains a key resource, helping landowners achieve sustainable management goals. Under the direction of the Marissa Reggear, the UI Extension 4-H program will expand opportunities for youth engagement and leadership. Newly certified volunteers will lead projects in cooking, sewing, woodworking, health and more, strengthening community involvement and creating new opportunities for youth engagement within the community. In response to growing interest in growing and preserving food, UI Extension, Clearwater County's Master Food Safety Advisor will begin offering courses in food preparation and preservation. These classes will equip participants with practical skills to safely store and prepare food, supporting healthier lifestyles and self-sufficiency.