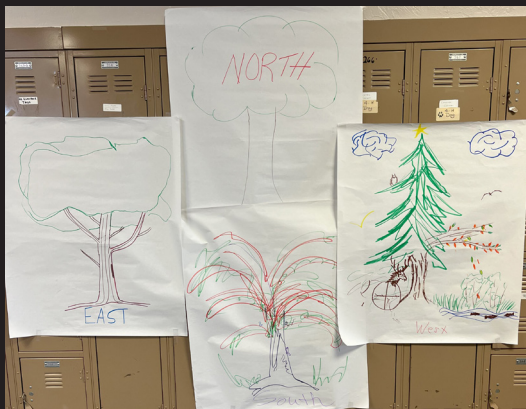


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2025 By the Numbers

- 13,090 direct contacts
- 2,342 youth participants
- 77 volunteers
- 1,321 volunteer hours
- \$13,090 extramural funding

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2025 Impact

A number of Extension educators from Idaho attended a 2024 train-the-trainer event on ranch succession planning offered by Utah State Extension after client surveys indicated a need for succession workshops. Educator Shannon Williams teamed up with David Callister from Butte County, Steve Hines from Jerome County and Charli Williams from the Lemhi Regional Land Trust to hold two workshops in 2024, one in April and another in November. Participants completed a survey eight months after the April workshop and two months after the November class. When asked to list three things most valuable to them about the workshop, understanding personalities ranked first and how to start the conversation was second. Of those completing the survey, 63% responded that they had started the conversation about succession with their family. They had also formed a vision for the ranch and gathered documents and visited with a professional.

4-H in Lemhi County

The UI Extension, Lemhi County 4-H program hosts a Super Meeting each summer. In 2025, 40 youth participated in the event where members rotate through a variety of fun, educational stations designed to spark curiosity and build practical skills. This day brings together volunteers, leaders, and youth for a blend of creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning. Participants learned the Danish ribbon system, how piglets are born, what the numbers on animal tags mean and what ear notches mean. They also learned about vaccines from a local veterinarian and what kinds of feed are best to meet the goals for their animals. Each session was led by knowledgeable volunteers. The fast-paced atmosphere keeps youth engaged while giving them the opportunity to try new activities they may not encounter in their regular projects. The Super Meeting has become a favorite summertime tradition, offering youth a chance to learn, build confidence, meet new friends and discover new interests. By the end of the day, participants walk away with new skills, memorable experiences and a deeper connection to the 4-H program.

On the Horizon

UI Extension, Lemhi County 4-H day camps have been very successful, with adults even asking to attend. There has also been an increase in participation in regular 4-H projects. One of the challenges for the 4-H program is to have enough volunteer leaders for day camps and 4-H projects. Two ideas will be implemented to reach more adult volunteers. A committee has been formed to host a volunteer fair in February 2026. Lemhi County runs on volunteers so any organization needing volunteers will be invited to have a table at the fair. People interested in volunteering could visit with all the organizations and find the best fit for them. The other idea is to host an adult workshop related to a 4-H project, such as rocketry, and then invite those adults participating to come back a few weeks later and assist with the youth workshop on the same topic.