

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **CLEARWATER COUNTY**

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## 2024 By the Numbers

- **11,006** direct contacts
- **235** youth participants
- **33** volunteers
- **2,232** volunteer hours
- **\$62,910** 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 Larson, Mike Reggear, Colleen Sholar, Amy Powers, Chris Gerhart and Silas Gilliam.

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## 2024 Impact

UI Extension, Clearwater County programs provide educational outreach designed to have an impact on natural resource stewardship, agricultural sustainability, 4-H youth development and community education. Through partnerships with local agencies and state organizations, these programs have advanced public knowledge and engagement in land management practices. This year, the Women in the Woods program empowered 73 women landowners with forestry management skills, and influenced the management decisions on 2,335 forested acres. The Beef 101: Beginning Ranchers program provided 40 beginning ranchers with practical knowledge in grazing and pasture management. Participants indicated a 54% increase in knowledge and reported plans to adopt new pasture management practices, including stocking density adjustments and improved plant and soil health monitoring.

## 4-H in Clearwater County

Clearwater County 4-H nearly doubled community outreach in part by adding an AmeriCorps employee in the summer of 2024. AmeriCorps programming included STEM activities at the Farmers Market, 4-H projects, 4-H Camp and local youth camps. The 71st annual Sixth Grade Forestry Tour provided natural resource and career exploration opportunities for all local sixth grade youth. Clearwater County 4-H also supported events for 4-H youth robotics teams, Know Your Government Conference, livestock field days, and more. The UI Extension office works closely with local agencies and organizations to offer support and educational opportunities to area youth at activities such as Trick or Treat Rock the Street, the Orofino Elementary Health Fair, the Clearwater County Fair, Orofino Jr/Sr High School and Dworshak Explorers Day Camp.

## On the Horizon

UI Extension, Clearwater County will continue to offer programming in natural resources, agriculture and 4-H youth development. Idaho Forest Stewardship program offerings will be expanded and more workshops and resources to help landowners meet their land management goals will be offered.

Clearwater County 4-H will hire an AmeriCorps employee for 2025 to further expand community impact. UI Extension, Clearwater County will also facilitate a natural resource careers and workforce exploration event for area high schools from five surrounding counties.