The LS-LQ Wetland 319 Project (Snake River CD)

Program	Water Quality Implementation
Lead Implementer	Snake River Conservation District
Funders	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Twin Falls Canal Company
Other Organizations	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Project Stage	Completed
Duration	2007

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Implementation of this project in LS-LQ drainage is providing significant water quality benefits to the Middle Snake River.

LS LQ Wetland Sign
Credit: Snake River SWCD

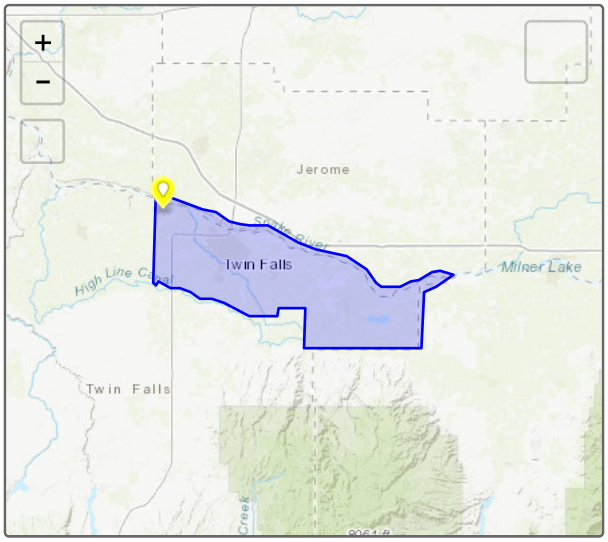
Key Accomplishments

- Pond (number): **7**

Project Themes

- Agricultural Lands
- Education and Outreach
- Habitat and Species
- Healthy Watersheds
- Water

Location



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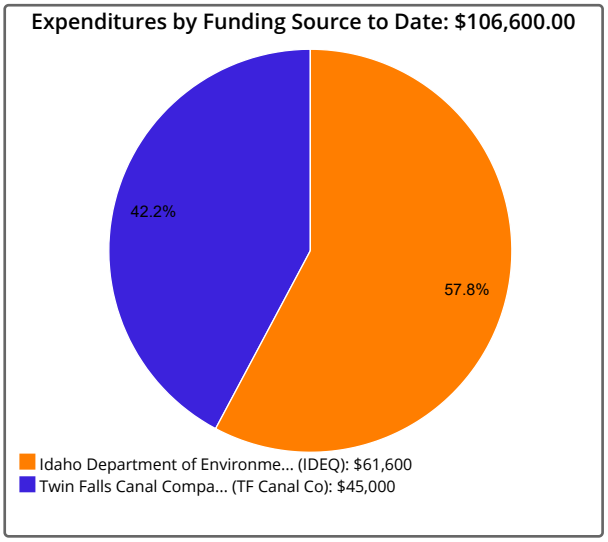

Photos

After

Fishing Pond
Credit: Snake River SWCD

First of Many Fish Tales

Fledgling club Kidz Fish N Fun of The Magic Valley hosts its inaugural outing.

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FILER • Rylah York stood on the dock with her yellow fishing rod, the line cast underneath the murky pond waters.

"Rylah, you need to put more bait on there. You can't catch any fish with that little puny bait. Here, I'll help you," said her grandfather, Dale York, a volunteer with Kids Fish N Fun of The Magic Valley.

With a fresh worm on her hook, it was mere minutes later that Rylah hooked the first catch of the day during a fishing trip hosted by the new fishing club for youth.

It was the first of many that day.

And not even gusty conditions could stop all 24 children who fished May 4 from catching a fish or two each at the Filer Ponds. The two biggest catches of the day measured 15 inches each.

Garth York, organizer of Kids Fish N Fun, had intended to have the children pick up garbage before they started fishing, but the area was cleaned up a few days before — which meant more time for catching fish.

Myra Bracero of Richfield brought her 11-year-old son, Joseph, to the free event.

"He's fished before, but we don't really know how to fish and fly fish. It's interesting that there's a group of adults willing to teach kids how to fish the right way," Bracero said.

Originally from New York City, Bracero said being outdoors — and especially fishing — was hard to come by. Now that they live in Idaho, they try to spend their time outside.

"It's therapeutic," Bracero said. "He likes the

Children hang out and fish during a Kids Fish N Fun of the Magic Valley outing on May 4 near Filer.

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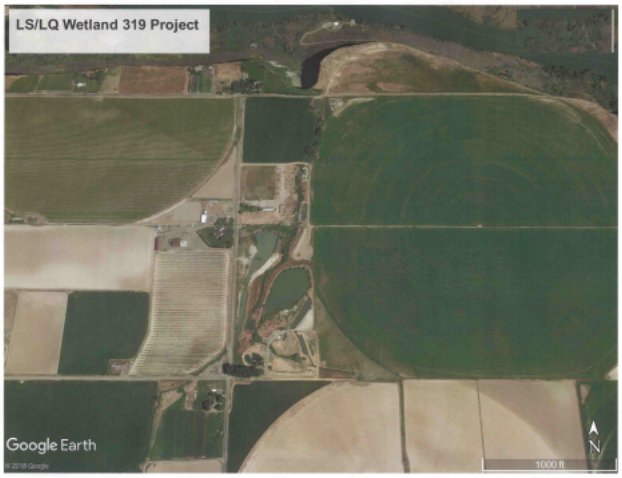
Credit: Times-News Paper Article

LS-LQ Ponds
Credit: Snake River CD



LS-LQ Fishing Ponds
Credit: Snake River CD

Fishing Ponds Enjoyed by All
Credit: Snake River SWCD

Get Involved

For information about Kidz Fish N Fun of The Magic Valley, email kidzfishnfun@magicvalleyrc.com or call Garth York at 308-320-4088. You can also find the club on Facebook by searching Kidz Fish N Fun of The Magic Valley. There's no fee to participate.

Fish

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outdoors: snowmobiling, fishing, animals."

Joseph received a few pointers from Dale, too.

"That looks like a meal fit for a king," Dale said, threading a worm over the hook. "Do you have any sinkers in your box?"

Seven of the children who attended the fishing trip were Dale's grandchildren, but he said he enjoys helping anyone who asks.

"We come out here a lot. They love to fish, mainly to get out of the house," Dale said. "It's excellent entertainment for kids. I fished since I was their age."

On the other end of the pond, Claire Tackett, 6, of Twin Falls fished with her father, AJ Tackett.

Claire wasn't a fan of the bait but liked catching the fish. Her favorite things about fishing were going with her "daddy" and touching the fish, which she described as "slimy."

"It's a fun way to spend the day," AJ said.

Garth said he hopes to host another fishing trip later in May. During the summer, the club plans to host at least two fishing events a month. In the winter, children will learn about fly tying.

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(RIGHT) Maggie Hutchings, 5, watches as Garth York fills her plastic cup with worms. (ABOVE) Nate York removes a hook from the trout his daughter Rylah York, 8, hooked, just caught during a May 4 outing with Kids Fish N Fun of the Magic Valley at the Filer Ponds. It was the first fish Rylah ever caught on her own.

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Credit: Times-News Paper Story

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