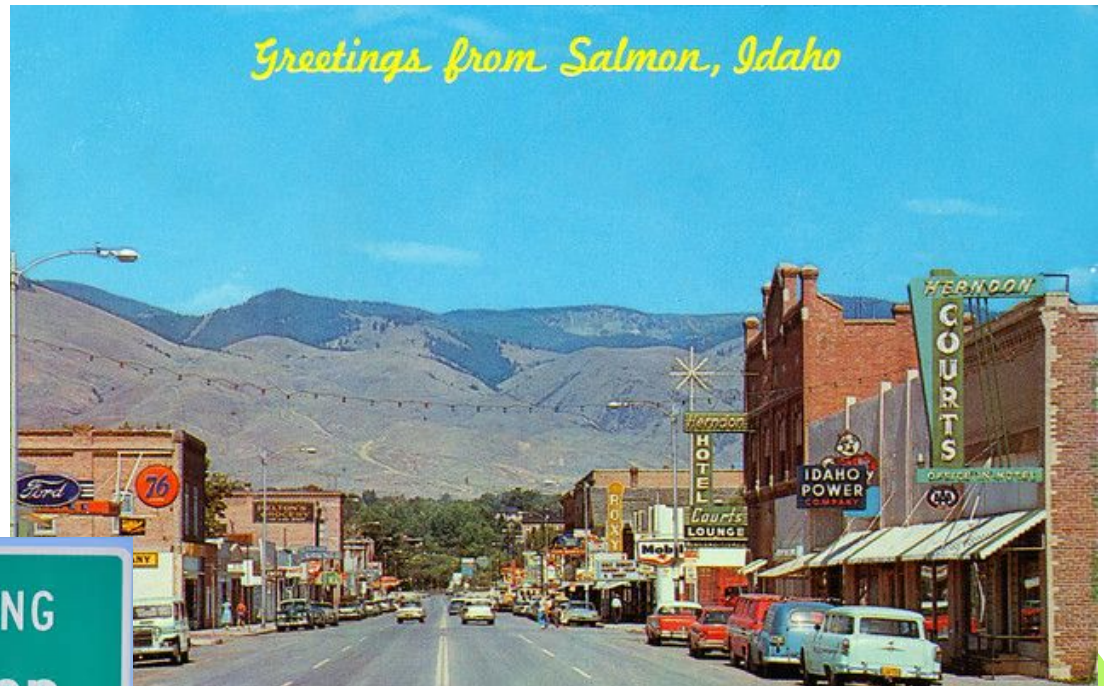


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Monitoring for Management in Rural Idaho

Indra Boving

Salmon, Idaho.



Many Landscapes...



Many Managers...



**PRIVATE
LAND**
No access without
permission



Many Users...





Mission: Salmon Valley Stewardship works to promote a sustainable economy and productive working landscapes in the Salmon River region of Central Idaho.





What does SVS do?

- Assist in forest and rangeland restoration
 - Advise local trail building and land development decisions
 - Education and outreach
 - Advocate for sustainable food/land use initiatives
-and much more!

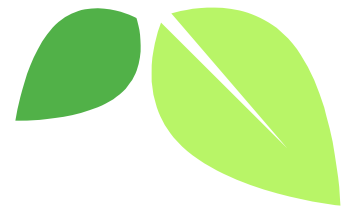




Land Management:

Cooperative relationships: land users, managers, and scientists work together to apply current research to landscapes.

Frequent monitoring: assess and respond to actual conditions, both social and ecological → SVS does this!



Sage Grouse Monitoring

Goal: To determine status of sage grouse population and habitat.

How? Field crews collect plant species data along transects near nests.



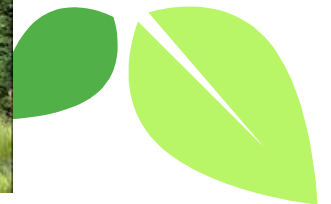
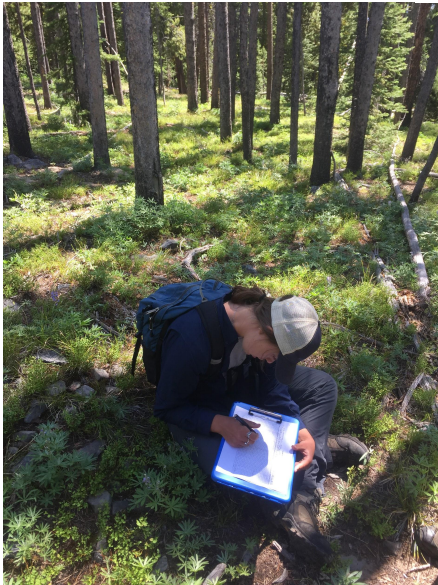


Timber Monitoring



Goal: Collect data for forest service to inform where and how to treat forests (thinning, burning).

How? Random plot establishment and species/size class surveys.

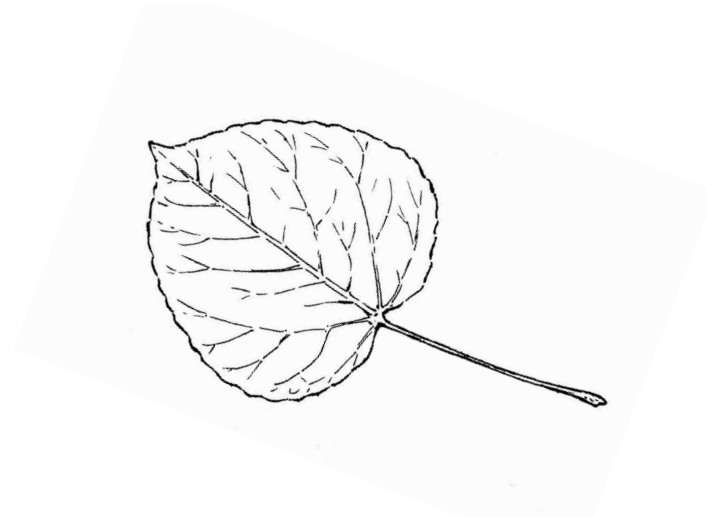


Aspen Surveys

Goal: Locate, GPS, and monitor status of aspen stands.

Threats: grazing, conifer encroachment, disease, drought

How? Google earth and crowdsourced locations, plus stand surveys with field crews and volunteers.



WESTERN
ASPEN
ALLIANCE



Community Engagement

“Adopt an Aspen Stand” Program: Tap into the enthusiasm of ranchers and recreationists for the outdoors to find and monitor aspen stands.

Salmon Community Aspen Stand: In-town Aspen grove with interpretive signs and workshops.

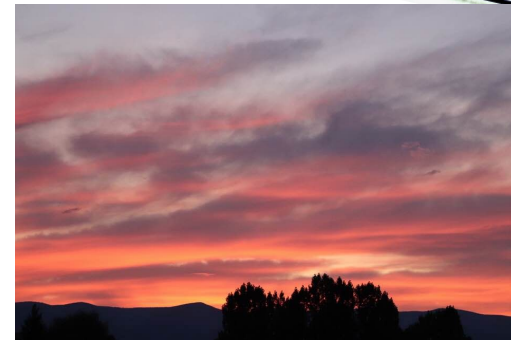




Takeaways:

1. **Consistent monitoring is essential for effective management** - it must respond to changing ecological and social contexts as they arise.
2. **Outreach and personal engagement are important!**
Social change happens best through transparency and good listening - when all stakeholders are present and heard.
3. **Working at a small non-profit like SVS means wearing many different hats:** every day is different, and having a breadth of skills is important.

Takeaways: 4. Idaho is beautiful!





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