



THE FARMSTEAD

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MEET THE BENEWAH FARM BUREAU BOARD

“Unifying the Voice of Benewah County Agriculture”

The Board of Directors of the Benewah County Farm Bureau® invite you to strengthen food, fiber, and energy producing agriculture. Working together we can protect the rights and values of our member families and their neighbors.

At this time, there are 115 regular members. It is our desire to activate and train to empower these and more to make a difference in our county, state, and nation.

One of the things we do is to protect ourselves in the legislative arena by developing resolutions, mostly issue driven, through discussion and agreement, for example: cross-deputation. This process is headed up by a standing committee, Government Activities. These then become part of our policy books, which give guidance to our Farm Bureau lobbyists and the legislature.

We have the following standing committees:

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| 1. Membership | 6. Board Activities |
| 2. Commodities | 7. Women’s Leadership |
| 3. County Information | 8. Young Farmers and Rangers |
| 4. Candidate Evaluation | 9. Code of the New West |
| 5. Economic Services | 10. Moving Ag into the classroom |

For more information about the Benewah County FB’s goals, activities, committees, and survey please see out contact information on the back of this newsletter.



Farm Bureau Board members:
(Top left to right) Russ Lowery, Del Rust, and Bud Steinebach.
(Bottom left and right) John Ferris and Carole Rust.
(Not pictured) Keith Daman, Colin Longworth, Rose Longworth, Bill Duncan, and Brenda Steinebach.

DISTRICT #5

WOMAN’S CHAIRMAN

Carole Rust is our District Woman’s Chairman.

She assists with coordinating projects, encourages the County Woman’s Chairs, and reports to the State Committee concerning the activities of the County Woman’s Committees on a quarterly basis. Her areas of responsibility at the State level are Political Education & Policy Development, and she leads workshops in these areas. Also, she helps coordinate speakers and tours in our District when we host State Women’s Conferences. She loves the challenge.

BOARD MEETINGS

The monthly board meeting occurs the second Monday of every month. Any Farm Bureau member is encouraged to attend. The board meetings start at 5:00pm and should end at 7:00pm, but some time it can take longer. The usual location is in St. Maries at the federal building connected to the Post Office. The entrance is located in the parking lot off of College Ave.

BENEWAH WOLVES

The Benewah County Commissioners are seeking coordination with the Idaho Fish and Game on two issues:

1. To change wolf management regulations immediately in the county and to best mitigate wolf impact and provide for substantial reduction of wolf populations within the county to protect the

heritage, customs, culture, and economy of the people of Benewah County.

2. To establish direct, continuous, and free-flowing communication of information of the direct impact that wolves have on public and livestock health in Benewah county.

If you have information, comments, questions, or if you have a story to share about how wolves have affected your life in Benewah County please contact the local Farm Bureau office by email or return the enclosed survey.

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Area 2 - Bill Duncan
Area 3 - Bud Steinebach
Area 4 - Russell Lowry
Area 5 - Keith Daman/Vice President
Area 6 - John Ferris/Treasurer
Area 7 - Carole Rust/Secretary
Area 8 - Rose Longworth

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Brenda Steinebach
Young Farmers and Ranchers Chairman -
Colin Longworth

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An Ag in the Classroom demonstration by the Women's Committee about growing vegetables.

**MOVING AGRICULTURE IN TO
THE CLASSROOM**

The MAC (Moving Agriculture to the Classroom) trailer, sponsored by the Idaho Farm Bureau® Federation has brought a fun and interactive experience to elementary children throughout North Idaho during the month of March, 2012. The MAC trailer features Maggie, a state of the art milk cow who gives students a chance to test their milking skills. Maggie gets a lot of attention by students and teachers when she is rolled down the hallway and into the classroom. The students learn about dairy, the importance of dairy to Idaho, and the nutritional value of milk in their diet during their interaction with Maggie. They also get to shake small containers of cream to make butter and eat it on crackers or pancakes right in the classroom.

The MAC trailer also features the GIANT Book of Wheat which is 8 feet wide and 5 feet tall when opened up. The book invokes awes from the students when its giant pages are turned. This presentation teaches the students how the world's most widely eaten food is produced. Printed on each page are fun and intriguing questions about the process of producing wheat and the food products that come from wheat. The MAC trailer has visited 21 elementary schools in North Idaho during the month of March in addition to the Clearwater County Forest and Farm Fair for 5th graders in Orofino. This translates into nearly 2,000 elementary students since late February. County Farm Bureau's furnish the perishables to keep the MAC moving and Farm Bureau members in the counties furnish the instruction. The MAC has been a "hit" as all 21 schools want it back next year.



~ Bob Smathers, Regional Manager

**CODE OF THE NEW WEST
FOR BENEWAH COUNTY**

As life in the big cities and urban areas "hustle and bustle" and as people reach retirement, many people seek to "get away from it all."

North Idaho can be very attractive to these folks who are like many present Benewah County residents that are "happy refugees" from city and urban life.

The Benewah County Farm Bureau has started a project to create a brochure that would provide prospective new residents with much more information about potentially making Benewah County their home than they could otherwise obtain without much time consuming research. It is paramount that prospective residents have accurate expectations of living in Benewah County.

The Benewah County New Code of the West is currently in the first phase of design. The New Code of the West Committee will create the first draft after studying another New Code of the West and modifying it to fit Benewah County.

The second draft will be created after all regular Farm Bureau members have had a chance to voice their questions and add information that could improve the brochure. A copy of the first draft of the New Code of the West can be viewed in the Benewah County Farm Bureau Office.

The Benewah Farm Bureau encourages anyone with pertinent information about our county culture and property rights to contact the Saint Maries Farm Bureau Office via email.