



Committed to the future of rural communities.

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What's New?

We're now Community Programs

Current Interest Rates:

Poverty Rate = 4.50%

Intermediate Rate = 4.75%

Market Rate = 5.00%

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See the new engineering & architectural reference manuals on line & current information on Community Programs.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM NEWS

Glenn Ferry's Water System Improvement

Construction of a new state of the art water treatment plant for the City plus a 500,000 gallon storage reservoir and distribution system

improvements to improve the fire flow capacity are the major components of the City's water system improvement project.

Rural Development contributed **\$3,095,800** in loans and grants for the project.

Chlorine Chamber

River Pump Station



Glenns Ferry Plant



Weiser Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

The water treatment plant upgrade is being constructed in 2 phases. Phase 1 includes pumps, instrumentation, a new 300,000 gallon clearwell and UV disinfection. Phase 2 will include new filters, presedimentation basin and a 500,000 gallon storage tank. RD has contributed **\$3,707,000** in loans and

grants for the project. Other funding was provided by the State

of Idaho through the Community Development Block Grant program.



How Prepared is your Community?

There are lingering concerns about the preparedness levels in the nation's rural communities following the September 11, 2001, disaster. Rural Development is aware that rural residents may have to be served by rural first responders services during times of national crisis. We want to ensure that the resources to respond to future emergencies in America's communities are readily available.

As a result, there has been a significant increase in the 2004 budget for Community Facility programs to contribute to the improvement of the first

responder and emergency services in small communities and rural areas. For more information on obtaining loan and grants to improve your communities first responder projects visit our website:

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Some First Responder

Eligible Projects:

Types Include -

*Physicians Clinics
Hospitals or Outpatient Care
Health Care Offices
Communication Centers
Civil Defense Buildings
Police Stations, Police Cars
Fire Stations
Rescue Services & Equipment
Ambulance Services & Equipment, Fire Trucks
Emergency training education facilities, etc.*

CITY OF EMMETT EARTH DAY 2004 CELEBRATION

The 2004 Earth Day celebration was held in the City of Emmett with Governor Dirk Kempthorne presenting a check from Rural Development in the amount of **\$2,250,000** to the City of Emmett. Also in attendance were Mike Field, Dave Flesher and Dan Fraser from Rural Development.

Rural Development has been working with the City of Emmett since 1999 to assist the community in solving their sewer system permit violations. Currently the City is out of compliance with the NPDES permit due to substantial ground water infiltration, algae growth and increased permit requirements.

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The plan of action is to break this extremely large project into 3 manageable phases. Phase I involves replacing sewers to reduce groundwater infiltration and installing an under-drain system to manage lower groundwater levels. Phases 2 and 3 involve upgrades to the sewage treatment plant to bring the City back into compliance with the NPDES permit. Rural Development funds will be used for the City's sewerage project along with a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Commerce.

BOVILL FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW FIRE STATION

U.S.D.A., Rural Development was instrumental in making possible the construction of Bovill's new 3200 square foot



fire station. The new fire station has two deep bays, which allows for the storage of all the District's equipment. Rural Development funds included a **\$100,000** grant and a **\$80,000** loan. Over 30 volunteer fire fighters from the community provide fire protection for the City of Bovill. The construction of this new facility enables all equipment to be useable in winter months.



Life Saving Actions for Smoke Inhalation Victims

If at all possible, ensure that emergency help has been notified and help is on the way.

1. *If it is safe for you to do so, move the victim to an area where there is fresh air to breathe.*

2. *When safely away from the danger of the burning structure, and if the victim is unconscious, immediately check for pulse and breathing.*

3. *If the victim has no pulse, start cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if you are trained to do so. If the victim is not breathing, start rescue breathing.*

4. *If the victim is conscious, keep him/her lying down.*

5. *Keep the victim as calm as possible. Offer reassurance.*

Do not give the victim anything to eat or drink while waiting for emergency personnel to arrive.

CURLEY CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION ARSENIC TREATMENT PLANT

After installing a pump house and water line connections for the water association, another phase of the project which included installing iron and arsenic removal equipment was completed. (right)

Rural Development provided an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant in the amount of **\$93,200** for this project.



RURAL AMERICA: Opportunities and Challenges



At the beginning of the 21st century, rural America comprises 2,305 counties, contains 80 percent of the Nation's land and is home to 56 million people. It is a collage of people and places—a diverse

mix of races, ethnic groups, terrain, climate, amenities, businesses and institutions. No one industry dominates the rural landscape, no single pattern of population decline or growth exists for all rural areas and no statement about improvements and gaps in well-being applies to all rural people. Some rural areas have shared in the economic progress of the Nation, while others have not. The opportunities and challenges facing rural America are as varied as rural America itself.

Farming no longer anchors the rural economy as it did through the mid-20th century. Today, seven out of eight rural counties are dominated by manufacturing, services and other employment not related to farming. Despite these changes, rural and farm communities are becoming increasingly interdependent. Job growth in agricultural areas is now more likely to come from rural industries related to farming than farming itself.

Industries involving agricultural inputs, processing and marketing of agricultural goods, wholesale and retail trade of agricultural products and agribusinesses have increased their presence in rural communities. While rural America's time-honored assets are natural amenities, natural resources, low-cost labor and land for manufacturing, most rural jobs are not directly related to these assets. Rural jobs are increasingly in consumer services such as retail trade, education, health care and other services primarily for local residents.

Rural economic health and vitality depend on innovative ways to generate income. Jobs are declining and incomes are eroding in rural areas that depend on natural resource-based industries, such as farming and mining. Those areas that can adopt innovative income-generating strategies to build on their assets, diversify their economies, attract new businesses and sustain their successes will likely thrive in the global economy.

These rapidly growing areas can help sustain their successes by ensuring that the changing demand for essential services and infrastructure is adequately met. Efforts to enhance the economic opportunities for rural Americans calls for unique partnerships among the spectrum of American institutions, including different levels of government, the business community, public advocacy groups and local organizations. (Whitener & McGranhan)

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