

# SCENIC BYWAY CONSERVATION PROJECT

## PURPOSE

- Supports our community to preserve its unique character, build civic pride, and facilitate smart growth in the area.
- Conserves a scenic corridor along Hwy 55, a section of the Payette River National Scenic Byway.
- Builds collaborative arrangements with landowners to meet mutually beneficial, community-based goals.

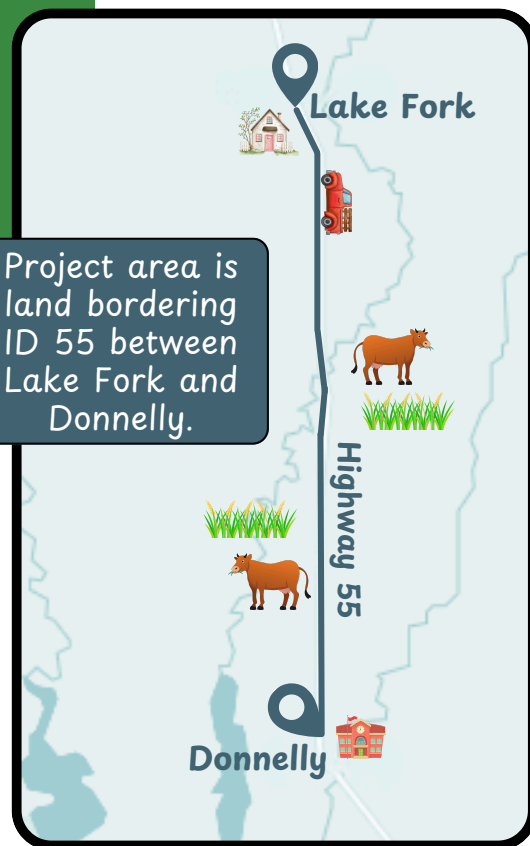
## APPROACH

- A privately funded program to conserve scenic lands through the use of voluntary conservation agreements.
- The landowner retains ownership and the right to use the land in ways that protect agriculture and the scenic view.

## ABOUT PLT

Payette Land Trust (PLT) is dedicated to conserving the rural landscapes of West Central Idaho. PLT works with families in Adams, Idaho, Valley and Washington counties to further their conservation ethics, working to balance conservation and development in the region.

Project area is land bordering ID 55 between Lake Fork and Donnelly.



## OUR DEFINITION OF SCENIC


"Scenic" is dedicated open space that includes **vistas, agriculture, and wildlife habitat** and provides a connection to the rural, cultural, and historical heritage of the area.



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Designated an Idaho Scenic Byway in 1977, the Payette River Scenic Byway stretches 112 miles along Idaho 55, connecting southwestern and central Idaho.

## ABOUT THE BYWAY

The byway is more than just a stretch of road – it is a living story of the **natural beauty, cultural heritage and agricultural legacy** that has shaped the identity of our region. This popular route follows the Payette River and the North Fork, offering incredible views of mountains, forests, lakes and the river's white-water rapids.

The byway spans diverse landscapes, from dry sagebrush hills at lower elevations to lush, forested mountains higher up. The byway also offers a range of recreational activities such as fishing, kayaking, and picnicking. In 2005, it was nationally recognized as one of America's Byways, a prestigious designation for routes with outstanding scenic and historic value.



View from the Scenic Byway looking towards West Mountain



Image: Google Maps 2024

Same view if agricultural open space is lost




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