

Community Profile

Glenns Ferry, Idaho

“A Community of Opportunity”

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Location

1. Latitude - 42.95 Longitude - W 115.3 Elevation - 2,560
2. Distance to Major Cities
North: Mountain Home (26 miles); Boise (75 miles); Lewiston (348 miles)
South: Twin Falls (60 miles)
East: Pocatello (174 miles); Idaho Falls (225 miles)

3. Brief History of Area

Following the adventurous foot steps of the bold pioneers before him, Gus Glenn traveled the Oregon Trail to the fertile Snake River Valley. Although it was as late as 1834 when the first trail was blazed through the Snake River Valley, early explorers had already paved the way with the likes of Wilson Price Hunt and his expedition in 1811-1812 and Donald McKensie in 1818. Likewise, the trappers Kit Carson, William Sublette, and Jedediah Smith had meandered through the great broad valley. It was in 1834 that following the explorations of Nathaniel Wyeth and Captain Bonneville, Fort Hall and Fort Boise were established and became stations along the NEW Oregon Trail. In the segment between these stopping points was located the historic Three Island Ford. So it was here, approximately two miles above the Three Island Ford, that Gus built the ferry in 1863 for his freighters to cross the Snake River and transport freight from Utah to Boise. In 1869 he married Jenny Toms, a Bannock Native American woman who helped him run his business.

Eventually the Oregon Shortline Railroad replaced the need for a ferry, and although Glenns Ferry was abandoned, the name was not. It was given to the city. *(For history see: <http://www.glennsferryidaho.org/history>)*

Recreation

1. Major Landmarks Include: Three Island Park Interpretive Center and Glens Ferry Historical Museum; Three Island Crossing Site along the Snake River; Historical Opera House Theater; Bruneau Dunes State Park and Observatory (27 miles); Malad Gorge (25 Miles); Hagerman Fossil Beds (30 Miles); Niagra Springs (42 Miles); and Birds of Prey Area (60 Miles).
2. National Forests Within Fifty Miles
Boise (30 miles) and Sawtooth (49 miles)
3. Down-hill Ski Areas/Snow Activities
Bogus Basin (82 miles) and Soldier Mountain (85 miles)
4. Local Golf Course
Carmela Golf Course (9-hole course)
5. City Park Amenities
seven acres, baseball field, Eastern Elmore Co. Recreation swimming pool, play ground equipment, gazebo, benches and fire pit
6. Camping, Recreational Vehicle Parks and Boat Docks
 - Three Island State Park (in city limits) with all amenities and a boat dock
 - Trail Break RV Park - privately owned (in city limits)
 - Carmel RV Park - privately owned (in city limits)
 - Power Stop RV Park - privately owned (in city limits)
 - Elmore County fairgrounds/camp area
 - Glens Ferry public boat dock
 - Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park (27 miles)
7. Rivers and Lakes
Snake River - South boundary line of Glens Ferry; Anderson Ranch Dam; C. J. Strike Dam; South Fork of the Boise River; Little Camas Reservoir; Mountain Home Reservoir; Blair Trail Reservoir

Water activities include: river rafting, skiing, boating, sail boat regattas, fishing, and wind surfing. Fish include: trout, bass, sturgeon, Native fish: catfish, blue gill, crappie, walleye, and kokanee salmon. *(See Idaho Hunting and Fishing Guide for rules and regulations. License is required.)*

8. Hunting Opportunities
Big game including: deer, elk and antelope
Birds of all kinds. *(See Idaho Hunting and Fishing Regulations. License is required.)*

Climate/Weather

Temperature	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Month</u>
Lowest Average Daily Temperature	19.3	January
Highest Average Daily Temperature	96.0	July

Precipitation

Average Annual Total Precipitation - 9.7"; Average Annual Snowfall - 15.4"; Wettest Month - January

Sunshine

Annual average days of sunshine – 290; Hottest/Driest Month - July

Average Relative Humidity

Winter 75-80%; Summer 15-20%

Population

Census Figures Since 1970:

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2004</u>
Glenns Ferry	1,386	1,374	1,304	1,611	1,502
Elmore County	17,479	21,565	21,205	29,157	28,634

Community by Age	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Under 5	100	94	98	127
5-19	429	367	320	431
20-44	307	383	382	436
45-64	372	283	258	352
65 + years	178	247	246	265
Median age	33.1	33.9	36.0	36.1

Employment

County Labor Force Data (updated 04/04/08)

1. Nonfarm Emp.	2004	Civilian Labor Force	2004	2005
Non Farm Wage & Salary Employment	6,169	Total Labor Force	10,115	10,621
Manufacturing	255			
Food Products	*	Total Employment	9,527	10,091
Lumber & Wood Products	*			
Electronic & Electrical Equip	*	Total Unemployed	588	530
Construction	268			
Information	85	Percent Unemployed	5.8%	5%
Trade, Utilities & Transp.	1,231			
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,047	Farm Employment	843	720
Transportation	174			
Financial Activities	255			
Professional and Business Services	319			
Educational & Health Services	444			
Leisure & Hospitality	660			
Other Service	244			
Government	2,408			

*Indicates no employment or suppressed data.

2. Current (03/01/08) Unemployment Rate - 4.7%
3. Total Number Unemployed Persons (seasonally adjusted) - 375
4. Total Number of Unemployed Persons (unadjusted) - 606
Note: The above figures do not include agriculture workers and does not include military personnel employed at Mountain Home Air Force Base. (Agriculture employment is approximately 650-700 for Elmore County.)
5. Major Employers - Glenns Ferry, ID

Name	Product or Services	
Glenns Ferry Joint School District	Education	85
Carmela Winery	Wine, Food & Golf	29
Diamond Laundry	Commercial Laundry	23
City of Glenns Ferry	Municipality	21
Rural Telephone	Telecommunications	18
6. Total County Civilian Labor Force (03/01/08)
 10,836 (unadjusted)
 10,710 (adjusted)
7. Total Employment - 10,330 (03/01/08)

8. Regional Labor Costs*

<u>Average Hourly:</u>	<u>First Qtr</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Third Qtr</u>
Business & Financial	\$12.17	\$19.27	\$25.94
Computer & Math	08.06	17.75	28.61
Architecture & Engineering	16.77	23.43	30.00
Health Care/Technical	12.78	21.32	33.25
Sales & Related	06.86	08.74	12.28
Office & Admin Support	08.42	11.41	14.63
Construction & Extraction	10.30	13.82	20.27
Production	08.02	11.43	15.22

Idaho contains six regional wage survey regions. Community specific wages may differ from regional averages.

Information Source:

State of Idaho, Department of Labor
Mountain Home Branch
(208)587-7911

Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0093
(208)334-2470

Transportation

Auto

1. Highway/Interstate Systems that Accesses our Community

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Route Destination</u>	<u>Direction (Route)</u>	<u>Miles to Access</u>
Federal Interstate	I-84	E/W	1
Federal Highway	US 93	N/S	42
Federal Highway	US 20	E/W	28
State Highway	78	E/W	2
State Highway	51	N/S	29

2. Condition of Systems

Highway 20 - Average to Good and Interstate I-84 – Good

3. Agency Responsible for Enforcement

Elmore County Sheriff's Office and Idaho State Police

4. Number of Vehicles Utilizing System Over Past Year - 4,380,000

Interstate I-84, Highway 20 and Highway 78

Information Source:

Idaho Department of Transportation
(208)334-8300

Air Service

1. Air Service in the Community

A. A municipal airport with a 3,050' long and 60' wide runway with medium intensity landing lights. Fuel is not available on site

B. Mountain Home Airport (35 miles) has a 5,000' runway

C. The closest major air terminal is in Boise (75 miles)

2. Major Hub Affecting our Community

Boise (75 miles) with an excellent passenger and freight rating

3. Destination of This Major Service

Major US hubs and smaller Northwestern destinations

4. Passenger and Freight Services Available Through This Major Hub

Passenger and Freight

5. Frequency of Major Service

175,024 FAA Operation; 29,255 Landings and 2,605,466 Passengers

Information Source:

Boise Airport (208)383-3110

Mountain Home Airport (208)587-3585

Bus Service

1. Local Bus Service

None available at this time

2. Closest Bus Station - Mountain Home Idaho (30 miles)

Greyhound (208) 587-3416

Six times per day.

West: 4:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m. and 7:10 p.m.

East: 12:55 a.m., 3:20 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

3. Bus Services Available

Passenger and freight

4. Major Bus Hub in Area with Nationwide Destinations

Boise (75 miles)

7. Rating of Services

Passenger and freight services are good

8. Commuter Service

ACHD Commuter services to Boise (1-800-231-2222)

Information Source:

Hiler Brothers Greyhound

(208) 587-3416

Rail Service

1. Rail Service to Our Community

Freight only

2. Nearest Full Service

Nampa – Freight and Salt Lake City – Passenger

3. Frequency of Services

Frequent daily freight trains to Nampa

4. Major Rail Hub Affecting Our Community

Nampa (95 miles) and Salt Lake City (315 miles)

5. Destination of This Hub Service
Nationwide with an excellent rating

Information Source:

Union Pacific District Manager
(208) 343-1771

Truck Services

1. Scheduled Truck Service to Our Community
Truck services are available to our community with a good rating
2. Major Hub Affecting Our Community
Mountain Home (30 miles) and Boise (75 miles)
3. Overnight Parcel and Mail Services
Glenns Ferry has overnight parcel and mail services available

Information Source:

Idaho Department of Commerce
(208) 334-2470

Utilities

Water

1. Ownership
City of Glenns Ferry
2. Source
Snake River and springs
3. Average Daily Usage
.61 million gallons per day (mgd)
4. Maximum Daily Production
1.08 mgd
5. Maximum Daily Usage
.7 mgd
6. Storage Capacity
.5 mg
7. Rates
The following are charged to water and sewer users to fulfill the three, 30-year bonds.

First water bond ends:	05/13/2033 - (\$1,000,000)
Second water bond ends:	05/13/2034 - (\$ 500,000)
First sewer bond ends:	06/30/2038 - (\$ 500,000)

<u>Size</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
3/4" meter	\$24.61	\$11.50
1" meter	\$44.29	\$20.70
1 1/2" meter	\$98.44	\$46.00
2" meter	\$172.27	\$80.50
4" meter	\$689.08	\$322.00
6" meter	\$1,575.04	\$736.00

Sewage

1. Ownership
City of Glens Ferry, Idaho
2. Total Plant Capacity
.5 mgd
3. Average Daily Usage
40% or .2 mgd
4. Largest Main Line Capacity
12" diameter
5. Rates
(See above water/sewer chart.)

Information Source:

City of Glens Ferry, ID
Jeff Cook, Public Works Director
208-366-7418

Electricity

1. Supplier and Distributor
Idaho Power Company
2. Rates*

Residential	\$0.064	KWH
Small General Service	\$0.081	KWH
Large General Service	\$0.045	KWH
Industrial	\$0.035	KWH

**The above average rates include all charges and fees.*

3. Planned Upgrades
No current system upgrades planned at this time.

Information Source:

Layne Dodson
Idaho Power Company
10790 Franklin Road
Boise, ID 83709
Updated: 04/04/08

Natural Gas

1. Supplier
Intermountain Gas

2. Average Daily Usage
Residential - Two therms per day
Commercial - Ten therms per day
Industrial – One hundred thousand therms per month direct sale =
\$88,984.00

3. Costs & Rates*
Residential - .76/therms or 100,000 btu
Commercial - .95/therms or 100,000 btu
Industrial - 1.01/therms or 100,000 btu
**Intermountain Gas has a \$14.00 initial hook up fee. These gas prices are the fourth lowest industrial gas prices in the U.S.*

4. Capacity and Peak Load
Annual consumption is 2,250,000 therms. Its estimated Idaho could double annual therms without any major plant expansions.

5. Planned Upgrades or Expansions
As needed depending on the location of potential customer.

Information Source:

Intermountain Gas Company - 04/18/08
Brent Wilde (208)377-6053
P. O. Box 7608
Boise, Id 83707

Existing Business & Industry

1. Number of available business spaces within city limits
Three
2. Average rental rate per square foot
\$50.00
3. Chamber of Commerce
Glenns Ferry has a Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 317, 7 E. 1st Avenue
Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623
208-336-7345
4. Participation in Civic Activities
Local businesses actively support organizations in the area either by active membership, donation of goods or services and contributions.
5. Community Project Support by Chamber
The Glenns Ferry Chamber supports the community monetarily and through manpower. A great example is their generous donation to the downtown Revitalization Committee for the huge mural depicting the history of our area.
6. Chamber's Attitude Towards New Business
Glenns Ferry Chamber actively supports all new businesses. The Chamber understands that the more our City has to offer, the less people have to travel outside the area to obtain products and services.
7. Trade Area of Glenns Ferry, Idaho
Elmore County, Eastern Owyhee County, Northern Nevada and Eastern Camas County
8. Distance People Travel to Trade in Glenns Ferry
One hundred twenty miles

9. Amount of Services Available

AG Parts - 4	Historical Museum - 2
AG Produce – 1	Horse Dentistry School - 1
Antiques and Collectibles – 2	Horse Dental Equipment Mfr - 1
Artist – 1	Industrial - 4
Arts and Crafts – 1	Insurance Agency - 1
Assisted Living Center – 1	Laundry Services Commercial - 1
Banking - 2	Laundry Services Public - 1
Beauty Salon - 2	Lawn & Ground Maintenance - 2
Cable Service - 1	Liquor Store - 1
Candy Store - 1	Lodging - 7
Catering & Concessions - 1	Lounge - 4
Child Care Service - 2	News Paper - 1
Construction - 2	Opera House Theater - 1
Dining - 7	Painting - 1 (house and signs)
(Includes drive-up-and-thru and sit-down facilities.)	Paint/Glass Retail - 1
Electrical Service - 2	Post Office - 1
Entertainment - 3 (includes seasonal)	Pest and Weed Control - 2
Entrepreneur - 1	RV Park - 4
Fabric/Notions - 1 (quilt shop)	Real Estate - 2
Florist - 1	Senior Center - 1
Fuel/Propane - 3	Specialty Service - 1 (Hispanic market)
Garage - 2	Storage - 1
Garbage Pick-up - 1	Tire Shop - 2
Gift Shop - 3	Towing - 1
Gourmet Food Manufacturer - 1	Trucking Company - 1
Grass Grower - 1	Uniform Service - 1
Grocery Store - 4	Utilities - 1 (rural)
Hardware - 1	Video Rental - 2
Health Care /Dental - 1	
Heating/Cooling Repair - 1	

Information Source:

Chamber of Commerce, April 2008

Agriculture

Introduction

The agricultural industry in Elmore County employs 6% of the total work force. The total acreage in farm land is 355,590 acres with the average farm size of 1,181 acres. Based on agricultural data collected by the State of Idaho, the annual market value of farm products sold by Elmore County farmers and ranchers is \$220,121,000. Agricultural land values and productions are prime foundations of Elmore County's economic prosperity and its value index. The establishment of Carmela Winery in Glenns Ferry, near Three Island State Park and other aesthetic landscapes are attracting tourists from all over the United States into Elmore County.

Elmore County consists of 67.4% and 6.1 % State land and 26.5 % private land. The State Department of Fish and Game holds approximately 6,716 acres of land in the County. Idaho ranks fourth in the nation for public land with 2,762,309 acres.

Cattle

Cattle represent a significant share of the county's agricultural economy. Elmore County presents an ideal situation for cow-calf operator, as nearly 75% of the land in the County is federally and state owned. Ranchers can graze on federal land six to eight months out of the year. The average value per head of cattle is \$1,240. In 2007 Elmore County had 135,000 head of cattle (total value \$2,628,800) broken down as follows:

21,000 beef
99,500 calves, bulls, steers and heifers
14,500 dairy cows

There is a major commercial feed lot in the County with a capacity of approximately 150,000 head. Japan is becoming one of the major exporters of beef from Elmore County.

Potatoes

Elmore County is the largest potato growing area in southwest Idaho. In 2005 there were 8,790 acres of potatoes grown in the County with an average yield of 459 hundred cwt., with some fields averaging 400-500 cwt per acre. The total production was 4,080,000 cwt. About 85% of the potatoes are sold on contract to processors; the remaining are sold on open market, either as fresh or processed. All of the potatoes are grown under sprinkler irrigation, which is obtained from deep wells or lift pumps from the Snake River. Since 1984 the University of Idaho, Elmore County Extension Office has had five different applied field trials and training programs which have saved \$940,000 for the potato growers in Elmore County.

Sugar Beets

Sugar beets constitute an important agricultural commodity in Elmore County. In 2006 10,600 acres were planted to sugar beets and 10,500 acres were harvested with a total production of 328,000 tons. The average yield per acre was 31.2 tons/acre. Yields have increased by 40% in the last twenty-five years due to improved irrigation, fertilization and pest control practices. Beets from our area are processed at the Amalgamated Plant in Nampa.

With on-going financial support from Elmore and Owyhee Beet Growers, Elmore County has conducted three applied research and extension demonstration projects.

Alfalfa Hay

Elmore County ranks among the highest in hay yield per acre among all the counties in Idaho. In 2006 hay yields in Elmore County averaged 4.94 tons/acre, with over 44,000 acres planted to alfalfa hay. The total yield in 2006 was 217,500 tons. Over 70% of the hay produced in the County is shipped out of the Country, with some going to Japan. In 1990 one local hay marketer sold over \$3,000,000 worth of hay outside of Elmore County. Most of the hay in the County is raised under irrigation.

Overall, the average alfalfa yield increased from 4.5 tons/acre in 1984 to 4.94 in 2006. Since 1984 the University of Idaho, Elmore County Extension Office has had three applied alfalfa production field trials that gained National and State-wide publicity for increasing hay quality and yield.

Production of Alfalfa in Elmore County ranges from 250 to 850 pounds per acre and averages 500 pounds per acre.

Beans

Beans grown in Elmore County are used for seed of both field (dry-edible) and (snap garden) bean types. The principle dry beans grown include varieties of pinto, great northern, red Mexican (small red) and California pink. Variety of kidney and small white pea beans are also produced in limited quantities.

During 2006 Elmore County growers planted 1,000 acres of commercial dried beans with an average yield of 2,300 pounds and a total production of 23,000 cwt. Bean seed grown in Idaho is generally in greater demand than that grown in other states because of its disease-free quality

Small Grain Cereals

Wheat and Barley are being grown mainly with sprinkler irrigation as a cash crop and as a main rotation crop with potatoes. Some oats are grown for grain, but the majority is harvested while still green for hay. Based on the 1996 County crop statistics for all irrigated wheat, 12,900 acres were harvested with an average yield per harvested acre of 95.5 bushels and a total production of 1,264,000 bushels.

In 2006 statistics for barley show 500 harvested acres, with an average yield of 70 bushels per acre and a total production of 35,000 bushels.

As a result of the cereal nursery research conducted by the University of Idaho personnel during the past ten years, farmers are familiarizing themselves with new varieties of wheat and barley that provide greater yields in the local environment.

Sheep and Lamb

There were 1,500 sheep and lambs in Elmore County in 2006. The average value per head is \$85.00, with a total value of \$128,700. The lambs are sold locally at livestock auctions in the Treasure Valley and Magic Valley areas. The average weight of fleece in 2006 is 9.2 lbs with prices averaging 71¢ per pound.

Alternative Agricultural Crops

In 2007 1,500 acres of mint were grown in Elmore County. The mint is processed at a locally owned distillery. Mint has been a good cash crop for the past few years, but requires a great deal of special care with regard to pest control, irrigation and fertilizer application.

Watermelon and cantaloupe are raised in the eastern and southern portion of the County. The fruit is of excellent quality and is sold locally.

Forests

In the 2000 fiscal year, the timber harvest in Elmore County was 11.48 million board feet with a value of \$1,123,675.00. An additional 1 to 2 million board feet was cut for firewood. Over 25%, or 645,352 acres, of the land in Elmore County is forested. The annual contribution to the Elmore County economy from the timber industry is estimated in the millions and primary species of trees harvested in the County are Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir.

Vineyards

Since 1968 Elmore County has established two wineries, Carmela and Cold Springs, which are some of the highest elevations in Pacific Northwest. There are 81 acres of grapes with varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Johannesburg Riesling, Pinot Gris, Viogner, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Pranillo.

Elmore County Dairy

Elmore County provides a more than suitable situation for the establishment of Dairy Production.

- I. Zoning
 - A. A conditional use permit is required for dairy establishments in Elmore County. (For information contact Elmore County Planning and Zoning Department.)
 - B. There are areas ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 acres which are suitable for dairies. These areas are not residential.
2. Favorable Climate
 - A. Elmore County's topography consists of 60% mountainous and 40% high desert and provides for diversification, not only in scenery, but also in climate. Three sites in the County record weather conditions: Atlanta in the mountains, and Mountain Home and Glenss Ferry in the sage brush desert. The weather observers at these three locations report vastly differing conditions.
 - B. Average annual precipitation varies between 25.2" in Atlanta, to 8.8" in Mountain Home. Approximately 50% of all precipitation is recorded between February and June. July is typically the month with the least amount of precipitation. Atlanta has an average of seventy-six days with one tenth of an inch of precipitation, while Glenss Ferry has only thirty-five days.
 - C. The amount of annual snowfall in Elmore County varies greatly. Atlanta records the highest average annual snow fall of 113.2", while Mountain Home averages only 13.6". It is rare for the high plains desert to see measurable snow fall before November or after April. The Mountain Home area has a 52% chance of a 3" snow depth in January and 21% chance for February.
 - D. In July and August there is an 80-85% chance of sunshine in Elmore County. Glenss Ferry can boast of 290 days a year of sunshine. The months with the least cloud cover occur between June and September.
 - E. Wind speeds average six miles or less 39% of the time and 7-15 miles per hour 41% of the time. Damaging winds are rare. Wind directions are quite variable, but predominantly they blow from the Northwest and occasionally from East to East-Northwest. Strong winds are generally from the west to northwest. February through April are the windiest months with a wind speed of 22 mph or greater occurring 4% of the time. Thunderstorms accompanied by strong winds occur most frequently in June and July.

3. Availability of Alfalfa and Silage
 - A. 28,000 acres of dairy-quality alfalfa hay is grown within a 50 mile radius of Mountain Home with an average yield of six tons per acre.
 - B. 72% of the dairy-quality alfalfa hay produced in Elmore County is currently shipped outside of the USA.
 - C. Within a twenty-five mile radius there are approximately 6,000 acres available and economically feasible for corn silage production if there is a market established such as dairies.
 - D. Area farmers are anxious to grow barley and alfalfa for local markets. Straw will be readily available when Barley is grown. Alfalfa grown in Elmore County is unequalled in quality and nutrients.
 - E. Feed commodities are locally available and will be delivered by local companies.

Local Government

Elmore County

1. County seat - Mountain Home
2. County Commissioners:
Larry Rose
Artie Shaw
Connie Cruiser
(Commissioners meet every Monday in Mountain Home)
3. Annual County Operating Budget - 2008
\$14,330,571.00
4. Existing Bond Indebtedness
None
5. Local Operating Taxes
Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, Fees and Fines, Licenses, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Building Permits, Administrative Fees, State Revenue Sharing, Rent, Refunds, Reimbursements, Interest.
6. Attitude Toward Industry
The Board of Commissioners is an active participant in Ida-Ore Planning Association, the Idaho Association of Counties and the Private Industry Council.
7. Cooperation Between Adjacent Governments
The Commissioners are involved in the funding of the Central District Health Department in conjunction with Ada, Boise and Valley Counties. Many senior citizens and low income families benefit from the programs offered by Central District Health.
8. City and County Cooperation
The County is working with the City of Glens Ferry regarding impact areas such as 911 services, law enforcement, and departmental services.
9. Accessing and Utilizing State & Federal Programs
The County is working with Southwest Idaho Private Industry Council and the Department of Juvenile Corrections on a variety of programs.

Information Source:

Elmore County Clerk Updated April 2008

Glenns Ferry

1. City Government – Mayor/Council holding four-year terms

Mayor: Jo Anne Lanham
Council: Chris Bryant- Council President
Lydia Thompson
David Pember
Joseph Rowan

Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

2. Major Revenue Sources of Local Government

property taxes -	\$689,773.00 (37.12%)
state revenue -	\$151,000.00 (41.39%)
water & sewer -	\$769,205.00 (08.12%)
TOTAL -	\$1,609,978.00 (annual budget \$1,858,076.00)

3. Revenue Bonds

Three, thirty-year bonds. Two for water and one for sewer.
First in the amount of \$1,000,000 for water
Second in the amount of \$500,000 for water
Third in the amount of \$500,000 for sewer.

4. Attitudes of Local Government Regarding Industry

Local government is actively seeking new industry to re-locate to Glenns Ferry and is willing to help businesses relocate.

5. Cooperation Between City and Local Agencies

The City and local agencies cooperate fully. *Example: The City of Glenns Ferry and King Hill Irrigation District cooperate by using some of the same irrigation lines to deliver services.*

6. Business Licensing

At this time Glenns Ferry does not require business licenses.

7. City and County Cooperation

The City has developed an area of impact that Elmore County respects according

8. Success in Accessing and Utilizing Federal and State Programs
The City has been very successful in receiving federal and state grants.

Rural Development Grant	\$765,800
Rural Development Grant	\$2,645,800
KDGB	\$ 500,000
KDGB	\$1,000,000
Search	\$ 775,000
Gem Community	\$ 50,000

9. Future Consolidation or Annexation Plans
Any annexation requests will be instituted by private citizens.

Information Source:

Christine Phernetton, City Clerk
City of Glens Ferry, ID
April 2008

Law Enforcement

1. Elmore County Sheriff's Office
The City of Glens Ferry contracts with Elmore County Sheriff's Office for its law enforcement. The City has its own sub-station and four officers live in town.
2. Sheriff's Local Vehicles
Two, four-wheel drive vehicles
Three cruisers
3. Level of Officers Expertise
One advanced officer
One intermediate officer
Two basic
4. Current annual budget for local police services.
\$206,200 contracted yearly with Elmore County Sheriff.

Information Source:

Elmore County Deputy Sheriff
Chuck Pickering
April 2008

Revitalization

1. GEM Community Team Revitalization Committee
The Committee was formed October, 2006 and has made great strides.

2. Planned Activities or Projects
Our Committee is preparing for a CDBG grant through the Department of Commerce for downtown revitalization. The Committee is working with the City's grant writer, Shawn Charters Consulting, and has currently raised over \$125,000 in matching funds.
 - A. The Committee raised over \$8,000 to cover the cost of a hand-painted mural. The mural depicts the area's history.
 - B. The Committee has been rejuvenating the Old Livery Barn on 1st Avenue. In 2007 it received its first coat of paint and the second coat was applied in 2008. Also in 2008 a local artist painted a horse-drawn buggy on the face of the barn identifying it as "Bostic's Livery Barn".
 - C. The Chamber of Commerce has enhanced its parking lot with an old wagon filled with a variety of live flowers and lights. The Chamber is located on the corners of 1st Avenue and Commercial Street.
 - D. During the summer months volunteers get together to pick up trash, mow lawns and trim weeds. Students from the Glenns Ferry School District participate with the cleanup and then ended the day with a barbeque.
 - E. The Committee is planning to place forty dark green, old fashioned street lamps throughout the downtown area. These lamps will be offered for sale and the purchaser has the option of depicting their family or business name on a brick-red banner that hangs from the lamp. In the center of each banner will be one of five icons: wagon, wagon wheel, steam engine, dream catcher or water wheel with the establishment date of 1909.
 - F. The Committee ordered twenty-five teak wagon wheel park benches pre-sold. They arrived mid June, 2008, and the purchasers will attach an identifying plaque.
 - G. The downtown business owners have been active in beautifying their store-fronts by planting fresh flowers in wooden wine barrels, while the Chamber and Visitor's Center spruced up their area with a new sign.
 - H. Time Line (See attachment A)

Taxes

1. Retail Sales Tax Percentage - State - 6% and City - None
2. Personal Income Tax Percentage on Taxable Income of \$25,000-\$50,000 - 2%-7.69%
3. Corporate Sate Income Tax Percentage - 8%
4. Workers' Compensation Rate
Experience modification for 2008 - \$1.08
5. Unemployment Compensation Rate
City chooses the option to pay when an employee is laid off.
6. Net Taxable Value - As of December, 2007 - \$50,715,569
7. School Tax Rate - .001477044 - levy rate
8. County Tax Rate - .004102718 - levy rate
9. City Tax Rate - .012639530 - levy rate
10. Total Assessed Value of the Community as of December, 2007 - \$65,611,045
11. Frequency of Property Appraisals - Yearly
12. Method of Property Appraisals
20% by annual physical appraisals and 80% by trend appraisals
13. Current Property Tax Rate
Current county property tax rate is .021287958. This figure can also be used as an average of recent rates.
14. Comparison to Other Cities, Counties and States
Glenns Ferry is the third in the State. Idaho's per capital tax burden is one of the lowest in eleven Western states. Idaho ranked second in the nation for quality of its tax structure. This is provided by the Department of Commerce.

Information Sources:

City of Glenns Ferry
Elmore County Treasurer
Elmore County Assessor

Residential Property

1. Number of Residential Homes/Acres for Sale - Twenty-eight
2. Average Price Range - \$34,000-\$475,000 – The average is \$100,000
3. Building Permits Required
Building permits are required in Glenns Ferry prior to construction.
4. Number of Rental Homes Available - Eight
5. Range of Rentals - \$325-\$650
6. Total Number of Dwelling Units in the Community (including Mobile Homes) - 683
7. Single-family Residential Units Available and Their Average Rent
8-10 units - \$400-\$600
8. Amount of Homes Constructed in the Last Five Years - Nine
9. Average Cost of a Single-family Dwelling
3 bedroom; 2 bath; 1,800 sq. ft. home at \$125,000
10. Number of Apartments Available and Their Average Rent
Four complexes - \$400
11. Building Code
The City Uses the 2006 International Building Code
12. Average Cost Per Square Foot for New Residential Construction
\$100 per sq. ft.
13. Builders in the Area
 - Roger Jones
 - Ark Properties
 - Lyda Construction
14. Spec Homes
Subdivision applications are in the works
15. Number of Mobile Homes in the Area
Seven

16. Number of Mobile Home Parks in the Area
One

Information Source:

Three Island Real Estate

Dennis Laib, Broker

Land Ownership & Development

1. Total Acreage of Glenns Ferry
855 acres
2. Total Acreage of Elmore County
1,969,620 acres or 3977.8 square miles
3. Percentage of Undeveloped Land within City Limits
Minimal
4. Percentage of Paved Streets
80% paved and 20% gravel
5. Percentage of Ownership of Land Within the County (estimated)
Federal – 72.6%
State – 6.3%
Private – 21.1%

Community Services

Health Care

1. Glenns Ferry Health Center (GFHC) is a non-profit, private corporation which began operations in 1982 and celebrated its twenty-fifth year of operation as a Community Health Center in 2007. The service area includes Elmore County and portions of Owyhee County where a satellite health center opened in Grandview in 1984.

In April 1998 services expanded to Mountain Home assuring access, particularly, to low-income, uninsured migrant seasonal farm works and Medicare/Medicaid populations. The service area of 25,231 is based on 2006 estimates. GFHC projects 6,952 users and 31,283 medical/dental visits in fiscal years 2007/2008.

2. **Services Provided**
GFHC provides primary, preventive, obstetrical, behavioral and dental health care services to the Community of Elmore County. In addition, eligibility assistance and case management services for prenatal, diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease patients are provided. Several outreach activities include: Indigent Medication Program, community health fair, free fluoride varnish applications for eight year olds scheduled at local schools between the months of February and March, school physicals and immunization, an on-site helipad for transporting patients in the event of serious emergencies.
3. **Hours of Operation**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday	8:30 am-5:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	8:30 am-5:30 pm (1 st shift)
Tuesday and Thursday	11:30 am-7:30 pm (2 nd shift)
4. **Physicians and Staff**
Glenns Ferry Health Center employees three, full-time Physicians; one Physician's Assistant (recruiting two additional PA's); one Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC); one Licensed Social Worker/Licensed Professional Counselor (LSW/LPC); one full-time dentist and one part-time dentist. The support staff includes: Three Registered Nurses (RN), four Medical Assistants (MA), three Dental Assistants (DA), eight Front Office Staff, one A/R Co-ordinator, one A/R Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Office Manager (OM), Finance Officer (FO), and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Information Source:

Leslyn Phelps, CEO
Glenns Ferry Health Center
(208) 366-7416

Other Health Care Services

1. Elmore County Medical Center - Mountain Home, Idaho
 - twenty-four hour emergency clinic
 - fifty-five bed long-term care nursing home
 - Popular Grove assisted living (Glenns Ferry)

2. St. Alphonsus Medical Center – Boise, Idaho
 - two hundred forty-nine general beds
 - twenty psychiatric beds

3. St. Luke's Regional Medical Center – Boise, Idaho
 - two hundred fifty-two general beds
 - eighteen neonatal intensive care units

4. Gooding Community Hospital – Gooding, Idaho

5. Specialty and Ancillary Services
 - inpatient acute care
 - ambulatory surgery
 - post operative recovery
 - respiratory therapy and telemetry
 - family birthing suites
 - newborn nursery and pediatrics
 - clinical lab
 - CT scan
 - X-ray, Ultrasound
 - ACR accredited mammography
 - physical therapy
 - cardiac rehabilitation
 - reparaed childbirth education
 - basic life support classes (CPR)
 - diet counseling
 - Visiting Specialist include: podiatry, cardiology, ENT, orthopedic surgery, hematology/oncology, physical medicine and neurology

5. Trauma Facilities
 - twenty-four hour emergency room in Mountain Home (twenty-six miles)
 - Life Flight Trauma Center – St. Alphonsus Medical Center, Boise, Idaho (seventy-five miles)

6. Ambulance and Air Ambulance Services

- The ambulance service is located next to Glenns Ferry Health Center
- Life Flight is available to Glenns Ferry residents through St. Alphonsus Medical Center, Boise, Idaho.

Cultural Facilities

1. Museums

- Glenns Ferry Historical Museum
- Three Island State Park Interpretive Center

2. Library

- Glenns Ferry Public Library
- 60,000 circulation
- 15,000 volumes
- Annual Budget - \$44,000

Information Source:

Lilly Hampton, Librarian

Glenns Ferry Public Library – 208-366-2045

3. Local Theater Group

The Historic Opera Theater in downtown Glenns Ferry offers two plays a season, June through August. Showings are Friday and Saturday nights, and area residents are encouraged to participate. The theater is one of Glenns Ferry's summer highlights.

Churches

1. First Baptist Church, 417 S. Oneida, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 83623

- Pastor Don Woody – 208-366-2323
- Sunday School – 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Sunday Services – 11:00 am
- Youth Night: high school - Wednesday, 7:00 pm; middle school – Saturday, 7:00 pm
- Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 7:00 pm

2. Pioneer Baptist Church, 287 S. Commercial, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 83623

- Pastor Clinton Keaton – 208-587-7512 or 208-543-4712
- Sunday Services – 1:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Evening Services – 7:00 pm

3. St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Bruneau, Idaho

- Father Raul R. Covarrubias – 208-587-3045
- Services on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays – 9:00 am

4. Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church, 21 W. Arthur Avenue, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83623
 - Father Eugene Esch - 208-366-7721
 - Sunday Mass – 10:00 am (English) 12:00 noon, (Hispanic), 5:30 pm
 - Weekday Service – 12:00 pm

5. St. Henry's Catholic Church, Grandview, Idaho
 - Pastor Raul R. Covarrubias – (208) 587-3045
 - First and third Sundays of each month – 9:00 am (English)

6. Knight Community Church, P.O. Box 146, Grand View, Idaho, 83624
 - Pastor Paul Ryan – 208-834-2639
 - Sunday School – 9:30-10:30 am
 - Sunday Worship – 10:30-11:45 am
 - Mid-week Services – Call church office for times
 - Prayer Group – Call church office for more information

7. Hammett Community Church, Hammett, Idaho, 83627
 - Pastor Steve Ratzlaff – 208-366-7115/office 208-366-2123
 - Sunday Worship – 11:00 am
 - Sunday School – 9:45 am
 - Ladies Bible Study – Wednesday at 1:00 pm

8. Bruneau Community Church, Bruneau, Idaho
 - Pastor Steve Landis – office/208-845-2779 home/208-366-2868
 - Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
 - Sunday School – 9:00 am
 - Adult Bible Study, Wednesday at 4:00 pm

9. The Christ of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 900 W. Highway 30, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83627
 - Bishop Mark Noble – 208-834-2415

10. The Christ of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Grandview Ward, Idaho, 83634
 - Bishop Bart Fowers – 208-845-2181

11. Evangelical Free Church/Valley Christian Fellowship, 3.5 miles east of Grand View, Highway 78, Idaho; Pastor Nate Good – 208-834-265
 - Sunday Worship – 10:45 am & Sunday School – 9:30 am

12. Grace Episcopal Church, 102 E. Cleveland Avenue, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83623
 - Reverend P. A. Bergh
 - Holy Eucharist celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays
 - Morning Prayer Service every other Sunday
 - Sunday School – 10:00 am

13. Grace Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2422 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, Idaho, 83647
 - Pastor Scott Berner – 208-587-4513
 - Sunday Worship – 10:00 am
 - Sunday School and Bible Study – 11:30 am
 - Holy Communion Worship on 1st and 3rd Sundays

14. Community Presbyterian Church, 5391 E. Main St., P.O. Box 337, King Hill, ID, 83633
 - Clerk of Session Irene Carnaham
 - Sunday Worship – 9:30 am
 - Life Savers grades Pre-Kindergarten to Six – 4:00-5:00 pm

15. Seventh Day Adventist, 2425 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, Idaho, 83647
 - Pastor David Nelson – 208-587-8153
 - Saturday Sabbath School – 9:30 am
 - Worship Services – 11:00 am
 - Wednesday Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

16. The Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Iglesia)
 - Pastor Jerry Wilhite – 208-890-9055

17. United Methodist Church, corner of Ada and Harrison Streets, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83623
 - Sunday Worship – 11:00 am
 - Christian Community Education grades K-5 – Wednesday 3:30-5:00 pm

18. Evangelicio Completo (Full Gospel) Pentecostal Holiness Church, 349 1st Avenue, Glens Ferry, Idaho, 83623
 - Pastor Efren Valle – 208-366-7105
 - Sunday Worship/Sunday School – 12:00 noon
 - Monday Prayer Night – 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday Bible Study – 7:00 pm
 - Friday Men & Women's Services – 7:00 pm

Community Cemetery

Glenns Rest Cemetery, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 208-366-7418

Operated by the City of Glenns Ferry, P.O. Box 910, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 83623.

Recreational Programs

Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home offer many recreational and educational programs through the Western and Eastern Elmore County Recreation Districts:

Art Classes – all mediums including photography

Exercise and Dance Classes

Quilting, Sewing, Knitting, Crochet and Cross Stitch Classes

Cooking Classes

Collecting Classes (such as rocks, cards, stamps, etc.)

Rodeo Clubs

Hunter Safety

Horsemanship Clubs

Library Reading Programs

Swimming Lessons

Gardening

Youth Baseball Programs

Other Youth Programs:

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

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Youth Center

Campfire

Elmore County Youth Network

Civil Air Patrol

Community Organizations

Gun Clubs
Lions Club
WIC Program
City Recreation Youth Groups
Salvation Army
Rotary Club
Elks BPOE
Elkettes
Oddfellow
Rebekahs
Jaycees
Hospital Auxiliary Worthwhile Club
Moose Club
VFW
Alcohol Anonymous
Eagles
SHARE
American Legion
Golf Associations
Optimists Club
Antique Car Clubs
Wildlife Club
Beta Sigma Phi
Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of America
Camp Fire, Inc.
4-H Club
Optimist Club
Historical Society
Jobs Daughters
Ducks Unlimited
Extension Services
Performing Arts Council
Pheasants Forever
Mountain Home Basque Association
Eastern Star
Alfred E. David, Chapter 8
Zem Zem Shrine Club
Andrew Horton Military Lodge 8
Mountain Home Black History
Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers
Association
Elmore Lodge 30 (Masonic Lodge)
Order of the DeMolay
Emerald Court Order of Amaranth
Three Island Senior Center
Elmore Shrine Club
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Scottish Rite
Royal Arch Masons
TOPS
Adult Children Anonymous
Order of the Amaranth
Happy Landings
Hands Across the World
Epsilon Sigma Alpha
Mountain Home AFB Officers Wives
Mountain Home AFB Enlisted Wives
Idaho National Organization for Women
Wishing Star Foundation
Sabre Lodge
Sagebrush Shufflers
Knights of Columbus
Rodeo Club
Idaho Writers
Birthright
Disabled American Veterans
High Reachers
Parent & Partners
Special Olympics
American Red Cross
Retired Officers Association
Harley Davidson Club
Mountain Home Bowlers

Education

Glenns Ferry School District is a small, rural school district in Southwestern Idaho consisting of about 500 students PreK-12 and approximately sixty-two certified and classified instructional staff members. The District is comprised of Glenns Ferry High School (grades 9-12), Glenns Ferry Middle School (grades 6-8), and Glenns Ferry Elementary School (grades PreK-5). All three schools are housed in a single facility complex with three wings dedicated to the individual schools.

Within the District approximately seventy percent of our students qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. The demographics of our student population within the district break down as follows: Caucasian (50%), Hispanic (49%), Native American (1%), Special Ed (12%), and LEP (33%).

Teachers

100% of our teachers are considered highly qualified according to the Federal “No Child Left Behind” Act. All teachers are fully certified by the State Department of Education for the subjects they teach.

Small classes with student teacher ratios of:

High School	12.8 to 1
Middle School	15.8 to 1
Elementary School	17.4 to 1

Academic Performance

The teachers and administrators in the District are dedicated to finding and implementing educational practices that will improve the learning and achievement of our students, and they have implemented several significant changes toward that end.

The District has adopted five reform initiatives to improve teaching and learning in the district:

- High Schools That Work (HSTW) adopted in 2002
- Making Middle Grades Work adopted in 2006
- Reading First adopted in 2007
- Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) adopted in 2006
- Teaching with Technology adopted in 2005

School Highlights

The schools have shown significant improvements in the number of students reaching proficiency on State Assessments. Over the past few years the number of proficient students have increased by:

High School from 2004-2008

- Reading from 38%-80%
- Math from 49%-70% in three years.

Middle School from 2004-2008

- Reading from 65%-86%
- Math from 57%-68

Elementary School from 2005-2008

- Reading from 68%-72%
- Math from 60%-62%

Graduation Rate

Ninety-one percent graduate with approximately forty students in each graduating class.

High School

The high school offers Professional Technical Education courses in: Agricultural Science and Technology; Industrial Technology; and Business Technology.

Through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy students are able to take online courses during the school day. This program offers many AP, Advanced Placement, and enrichment courses to our students.

Facilities

The schools are housed in a main complex with three wings. There is also a Professional Technical building and computer building with two computer laboratories.

The main facility was built in 1962 with a middle school wing and elementary library added in 1992. The facility is well maintained with major remodels to all the bathrooms and secondary library.

In 2004 a 15-year, \$3,100,000 bond was passed that provided a new metal roof system, new electrical upgrades to the classrooms, and new heating and air condition systems for the entire facility. The District has no other indebtedness.