LINCOLN COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2025 Year End Reports

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Septic Permit Applications 2025

242 total applications. 209 permits issued.
197 new systems. 36 Replacements.
6 after the fact affidavits . 131 COSA reviews .
108 local reviews. 3 declarations.

-Libby had 71 total applications with 49 new systems, 20 replacements, and 2 affidavits.
-Troy had 49 total applications with 40 new systems, 6 replacements, 1 affidavit, and 2 declarations.
-Eureka had 122 total applications with 108 new systems, 10 replacements, 3 affidavits, and 1 declaration.

242 total applications in 2025 vs. 274 in 2024

Land Research Requests
2025- 563
2024- 553

Community Decay

7 properties were cleaned up.
5 properties currently have owners being searched for.
4 properties were issued final notices of violation.

Kennel License

17 Dog kennels were licensed and inspected.

License Establishments

2024 - 294
2025- 283

254 licensed establishments were inspected
16 new licensed establishments
8 licenses are inactive due to closure
42 temporary food licenses were issued
15 licensed establishment complaints were received and addressed.

Burn Permits

Spring Burn Season Residential

There were 819 residential burn permits issued with 922 activations.
17 management burn permits were issued.
There were 2 violations.

Fall Burn Season

The fall season lasted 7 weeks with 12 actual burn days. Twenty management burn permits were issued. Eight permits were fulfilled, seven were partially fulfilled, two were not started, and one status was unknown. A total of 179 piles were burned, covering approximately 250 to 300 acres. There were 4 violations.

Animal Shelter

(Starting in April)

Total Intakes: 166
Owner Surrender - 34
Seized- 16
Return- 4
Stray- 97
Transferred in - 15

Total Outgoing: 164
Adopted- 47
Returned to Owner- 61
Transferred Out- 52
Passed Away- 2
Euthanized- 2

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Landfill Expansion

The 17 acre horizontal expansion of the Class II landfill and partial final cover of the existing cell was completed in November by M.A. DeAtley Construction. Total project cost was $6,272,416.79 with $3,900,000 offset through ARPA grant funding.

Traffic Data

Lincoln County landfills recorded 191,185 user visits in 2025 representing a 54 percent increase in traffic compared to 2024.

Hauling Activity

A total of 692 roll off containers of household waste from the Eureka landfill, along with an additional 375 roll off containers of household trash and 33 bins of metal from the Troy landfill and the Happy's Inn transfer station, were transported to the Libby landfill for disposal.

Drone Survey Data

Annual drone survey results indicate 48,721 cubic yards of landfill capacity were utilized in 2025.

Recycling & Diversion

The landfill recycled 537,152 pounds of cardboard and 15,318 pounds of aluminum cans. Baling of the large metal pile produced 2,493,280 pounds of recycled metal resulting in over three million pounds of material diverted from disposal. Additional materials managed in 2025 included 6,705 gallons of used motor oil, 400 gallons of antifreeze, 598 CFC containing appliances, 1,308 batteries, 59 forty yard containers of tires, 2,684 cubic yards of concrete, 180 pounds of rechargeable batteries, seven pallets of e waste, 35,283 cubic yards of green wood waste, 2,237 cubic yards of stumps, 27 mobile homes, and 3,035 cubic yards of asbestos containing materials. Annual bird count included 171 bald eagles and one golden eagle.

Capital Purchases

The Solid Waste program purchased two 2025 Peterbilt roll off trucks with hoists and contracted Montana Machine to build a roll off trailer to accommodate anticipated increases in inbound refuse.

Site Improvements

Fuel reduction logging was completed in areas adjacent to the landfill entrance and along Pipe Creek Road.

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Immunization (IZ) Program

686 total vaccinations administered
Libby: 351, Eureka 109, Mobile Clinics 226

Patient Reach: 571 Distinct patients served
Vaccines for Children (VFC)
123 patients qualified for VFC
The 7-18-year-old age group represents the largest population vaccinated through the VFC program.

Most frequently administered vaccines:
Influenza, COVID-19, Tdap, Shingles, Typhoid (travel vaccine), Pneumonia, RSV

Nursing Services

Professional Partnerships, Sanders County FICMMR, State nursing group

Detention Center Health Services

Standards-of-care learning with:
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) and American Jail Association (AJA)
Participation in a virtual NCCHC conference.

Ongoing work on training development for:
Detention Officers/ Inmates
Continued nursing care provided to all inmates.
Hands-on triage support as needed.

Communicable Disease Response

Lead poisoning - 6
Lyme Disease - 1
Metal Exposure:
Cadmium - 1
Mercury - 8
Pertussis - 1
Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis - 10
Salmonellosis (excluding paratyphoid and typhoid) - 1
Shigellosis - 1
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) - 4
Streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome - 3
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive - 1
Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) - 2
Animal bite investigations - 60
Campylobacteriosis - 17
Chlamydia - 17
Cryptosporidiosis - 1
Gonorrhea - 4
Group A Streptococcus, invasive - 1
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive - 1
Hepatitis B, Acute - 1
Hepatitis C, Chronic - 19
Influenza (hospitalization or death) - 19

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Youth & Family Engagement

STEAM kits distributed and programming supported in collaboration with Lincoln County Kids

Ongoing support and promotion of:
Credible Mind and LCC websites
Guns and Hoses
Back-to-School Blasts
Spring Up Libby
Troy High School Mental Health Fair
Screaming Brain Festival
Smiles Across Montana
Red Ribbon Week in partnership with Libby School District

Maternal & Infant Health Support

Distributed goods for Cabinet Peaks Medical Center (CPMC) new baby baskets, including: Charlie's Books (grant-funded), New safe sleep educational booklets.

Community Outreach

CPR Training- 103 CPR certifications issued

Mental Health & Wellness
Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) implemented in:
Eureka School District and Libby School District

Sexual Health Education & Outreach
Continued condom distribution to local bars.
STI education classes provided in Libby and Troy

Lead Education & Testing
Lead testing and education provided in collaboration with:
Headstart in Libby, Troy, and Eureka, Families in Partnership, Libby Elementary School,
Total number tested in 2025 documented through program tracking.

Lactation Support
Ongoing lactation education and client support services.

Tobacco Prevention
Implemented new tobacco standards and/or educational stickers.

Harm Reduction & Safety
Sharps disposal services, Naloxone distribution, Fentanyl test strip distribution

Emergency Preparedness
Distributed emergency preparedness kits and educational materials.
Distributed smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and air purifiers.
Hosted State of Mind with Libby School District
Community Health Fair participation
Disaster Response
Continued to support and participate in disaster response and recovery efforts throughout 2025.

Pathways National Accreditation

Initial application submitted.
Beginning a three-year national accreditation process.