



One of the top 20 places to live and visit in the West – American Cowboy Magazine



## Quality of Life

The people of the region welcome industry and encourage economic development and business growth. National Geographic featured our region in their article, “A Paradise Called The Palouse.” Another beautiful part of our region is the acclaimed “Gateway to Hells Canyon”; The deepest river gorge in the United States. Our region is noted for its forests, agricultural production, scenic beauty, and our unique concentration of higher education institutions in a rural area. Our lifestyles are a mixture of outdoor recreational leisure, community events, arts and festivals. We are bordered by national forests, many wilderness areas, pristine lakes, white water rivers, and rugged canyons. In less than an hour’s drive, you can be fishing, camping, hunting, skiing or sailing.

We also have a wide range of culture. Ethnic and educational advantages include ballet, symphony, theatre, concerts, and university seminars. Pac-12 football, basketball, and the host city for the NAIA World Series headline the athletic events. Many fans also enjoy the complement of other sports played here. Our recreational and cultural opportunities are fantastic...but our business opportunities are too!

From the business perspective, the region’s centralized location within four western states plus British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, combined with our intermodal transportation system, places the area in an enviable position.



**Hells Canyon**



**Selway River**

Access to local, regional and international markets is convenient and affordable. A loyal and dedicated workforce produces more and costs less.

Nearly all the great rivers in the Northwest come to, through, or near Lewiston, Idaho. While the Snake and Clearwater Rivers are right outside our front door, the Salmon, Selway, Lochsa, St. Joe, Grande Ronde, and dozens of smaller waterways are all within easy driving distance.



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### Quality of Life (Continued)

The Lewis-Clark Valley is just a stone’s throw away from the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower forty-eight states: The River of No Return, Selway Bitterroot, Gospel Hump, Mallard-Larkins, Sawtooth, and Eagle Cap Wilderness Areas are all part of this watershed that includes another half-dozen National Forests and twice as many state and regional Parks. If it’s natural beauty you’re after, head for our region’s rivers and wilderness.

### Valley Climate

- Length of Growing Season: 220 days
- Average Rainfall: 12.52 inches
- Annual Clear/Partly Cloudy Days: 168 days
- Downtown Elevation: 738 feet
- Airport Elevation: 1436 feet

### Average Temperatures

- Winter High: 39.6 degrees Low: 27.1 degrees
- Summer High: 89.0 degrees Low: 59.2 degrees

### Valley Leisure, Recreation, and Community Events Links



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