Update for WSCC
Roylene Comes At Night, NRCS-Washington State Conservationist
Staffing Update

2021 hiring actions

| Direct hires: 15 |
| New Hires: 8 |

Future Hiring Actions

| Proposed new positions: 95 |
| FY22/23 Direct Hire Requests: 41 (awaiting NHQ approval) |
New East Area Conservationist

Aubrey Hoxie

| Started Jan. 3
| From NRCS-Idaho
| Been with NRCS for 12+ years
New Programs

- WaterSmart (Projects funded for Big Bend & North Central Teams)
- Preliminary Investigations for Funding (4x PL-566)
- Urban Conservation (New hire)
- Climate Farming
- EQIP-CIC
New Opportunities

- CSP
- EQIP Fund Pools
- Conservation practices
- Impaired Watersheds
- State and Local Initiatives
- Local Working Groups
EQIP Update

- Total EQIP Applications: 685
- Current Year Submitted Applications: 179
- Past Years Promoted Applications: 503
- Applications Actioned (Not Obligated): 0

(Current as of Jan. 19, 2022)
CSP Update

- Total CSP Applications: 141  (58 new)
- Current Year Submitted Applications: 58
- Past Years Promoted Applications: 83
- Applications Obligated by Contracts: 29
- Applications Actioned: 0

(Current as of Jan. 19, 2022)
NRCS assists private landowners with implementation of irrigation conservation practices that improve watering efficiency.

Project areas:

| Whitestone Reclamation District
| Kittitas Reclamation District

Application Cutoff is Jan. 24, 2022
National Water Quality Initiative

NWQI helps producers improve water quality and aquatic habitats in impaired streams, by implementing practices to control and trap nutrient and manure runoff.

Project areas

| Nooksack River Watershed
| Union Flats Creek Watershed
The PL-566 program helps local organizations and units of government plan and implement locally-led watershed projects, to solve natural and human resource problems.

Project Requests

| East Columbia Basin Irrigation District |
| Clallam County |
| City of College Place |
| Chelan County |
Program Deadlines

January 24, 2022 is an important day!

Deadline to apply for four programs:

- EQIP - Conservation Incentive Contracts
- EQIP – Urban Agriculture
- EQIP – Sentinel Lands
- EQIP - WaterSmart
Questions