



Central Klickitat Conservation District

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Legislative District: 14 Congressional District: 3

Other Accomplishments



A total of three soil health webinar events were held and funding pursued for on-farm cover crop trials.



Completed an 1,800 acre agricultural easement to protect agricultural production from development.



Established a system of rates and charges to provide sustainable base funding for conservation operations.

2019-21 Biennium Feature Accomplishment

Simcoe Unit Acquisition

Resource Challenge

Working lands are economically productive rangelands, farms, and forests that support families and communities. Large tracts of working lands are being lost due to development and subdivision. When large, continuous natural areas fragment into small, increasingly isolated patches of land, it negatively impacts ecosystem function and working lands economic viability. Development is a primary threat to natural resources and agricultural production, and it's imperative that we conserve working lands for future generations to retain associated food, economic, and ecosystem benefits.

Project Summary and Results

Central Klickitat Conservation District (CKCD) partnered with neighboring Eastern Klickitat Conservation District to purchase and conserve approximately 4,500 contiguous acres of forest and rangeland located north of Goldendale in the Simcoe Mountains. This acquisition will protect land from development and subdivision, and it will maintain and improve working lands for economic and natural resource benefits to Klickitat County and Washington State. A management plan is being developed to reflect local values and conservation of natural resources. Primary objectives of the plan include forest health, forest productivity, wildfire mitigation, sustainable grazing, public recreation, wildlife habitat, and water resource conservation.

Key Partners

Washington State Legislature



Mixed conifer forest located within CKCD's recent land purchase in the Simcoe Mountains, north of Goldendale. 2,220 acres of forest and rangeland will be protected and natural resources conserved under CKCD's recent land purchase.

Priorities moving forward...

- ▶ Bring newly acquired property into management under forest and rangeland management plans.
- ▶ Create a fire-adapted community and complete fuels reduction work with private landowners in support of wildfire resiliency.
- ▶ Obtain funding for on-farm cover crop trials to provide data and results to local producers seeking answers to soil health challenges.