

# Conservation Security Program in the Umatilla



## *Umatilla Watershed*

1.23 million acres

Over 1,500 producers

75 percent of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

### Land Use:

- 64% Cropland
- 15% Rangeland
- 19% Forestland
- 2% Other

### Major Commodities:

- Wheat
- Cattle
- Hay
- Vegetables

### Three NRCS Service Centers:

- Pendleton
- Mission
- Heppner

## **Conservation Security Program Overview**

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers and ranchers who are implementing conservation on America's working lands. CSP is a voluntary program based on conservation accomplishments that recognizes the contributions of the best land stewards and encourages them to do more.

In order to provide the best possible service to producers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is implementing CSP on a watershed basis. CSP was offered in 18 watersheds in 22 states across the country. The Umatilla watershed was chosen as a CSP priority watershed for 2004.

CSP rounds out a portfolio of conservation for America's farmers and ranchers. CSP is helping producers improve management of private lands through NRCS conservation services and programs to sustain past environmental gains, address current resource problems, and provide for regulatory relief.

## **CSP in the Umatilla Watershed**

NRCS staff conducted 13 CSP informational and Self-Assessment workshops throughout the watershed, assisting over 300 landowners in the CSP process.

The CSP application sign-up period took place from July 6-30. Applications were then submitted to the national office for selection.

In the Umatilla watershed 149 CSP applicants were selected. Twenty-six applications were accepted in Tier I, 40 applications in Tier II and 83 applications at the highest level, Tier III, addressing all resource concerns on their entire operation. The acreage of the 149 applicants covers nearly 50 percent of the private land in the watershed.

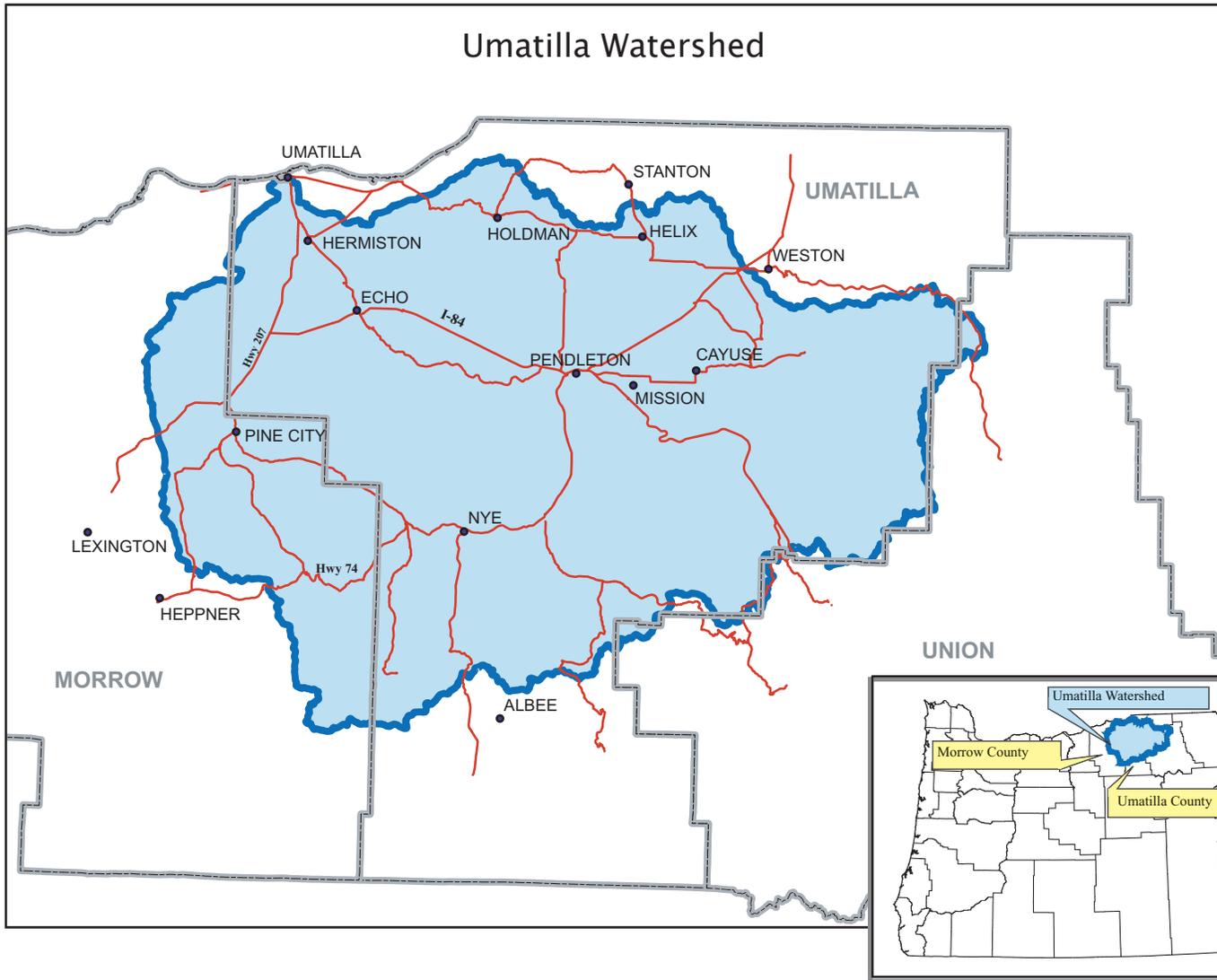
Over \$5 million will be distributed to reward landowners for conservation in the Umatilla watershed through CSP. This is more than any other state will receive and credits the high conservation stewardship of land managers in the watershed. In total over \$8 million will be infused in the local economy through conservation program contracts signed this year.





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