



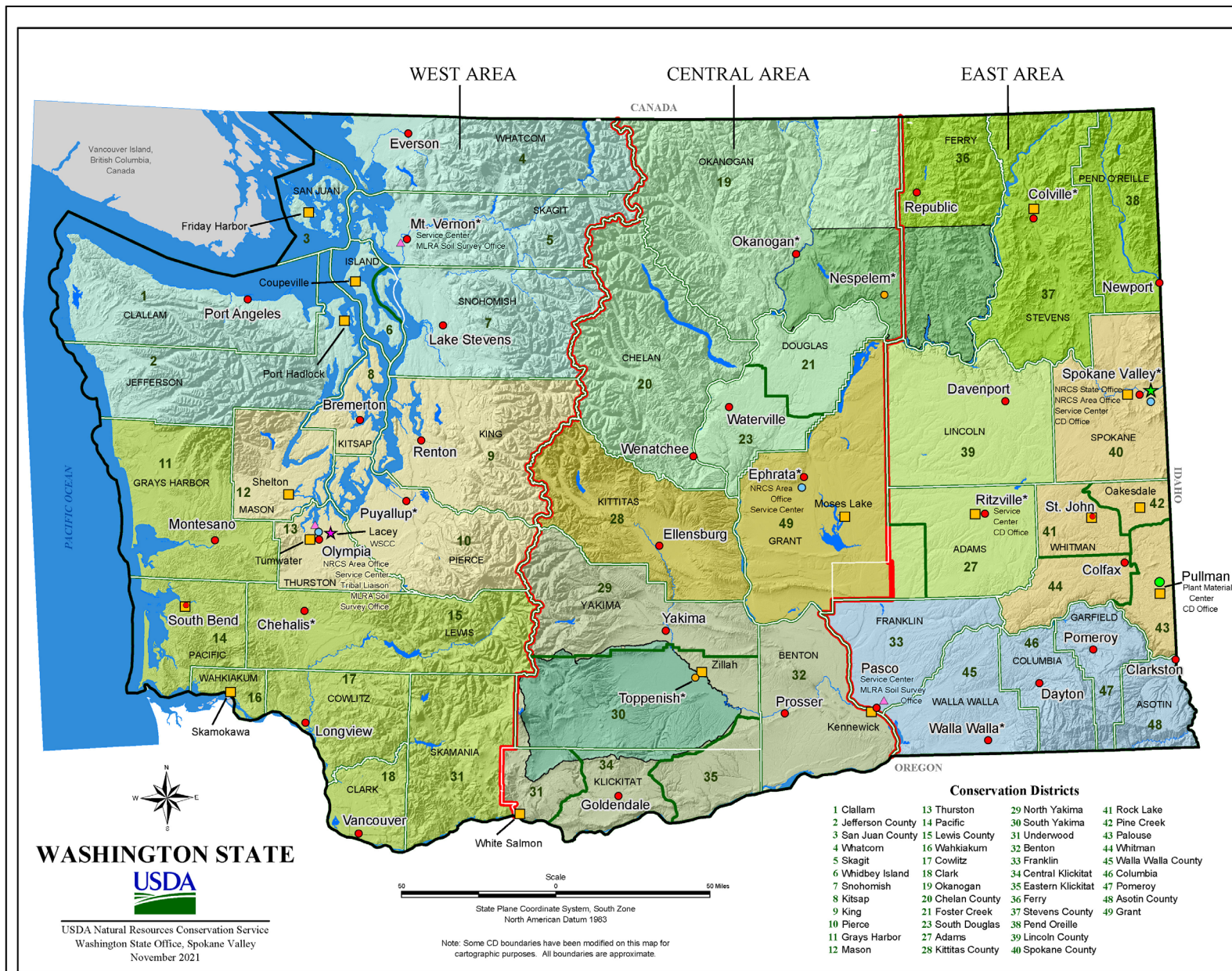
2025 Local Working Group Annual Summary





USDA NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

NRCS WASHINGTON
State Administrative Map
November 2021



LEGEND

- ★ NRCS State Office
- ☆ Washington State Conservation Commission
- USDA Service Center
- NRCS Area Office
- Tribal DC Office
- Tribal Office
- ▲ Soil Survey Office
- Plant Materials Center
- NRCS Program Delivery Point and Conservation District Office
- Conservation District Office not located in a Service Center
- Washington State Boundary
- NRCS Area Boundaries
- Conservation District Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Both Conservation District and County Boundaries
- Open Water

NOTE: The * next to the NRCS Service Center name denotes the location of the District Conservationist.

NRCS MULTI-COUNTY TEAMS

- EAST AREA
 - NORTHEAST TEAM
 - PALOUSE TEAM
 - WEST PALOUSE TEAM
 - SNAKE RIVER TEAM
- CENTRAL AREA
 - NORTH CENTRAL TEAM
 - COLVILLE TRIBAL TEAM
 - BIG BEND TEAM
 - SOUTH CENTRAL TEAM
 - YAKAMA TRIBAL TEAM
- WEST AREA
 - NORTHWEST TEAM
 - PUGET SOUND TEAM
 - SOUTHWEST TEAM

Conservation Districts

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| 1 Clallam | 13 Thurston | 29 North Yakima | 41 Rock Lake |
| 2 Jefferson County | 14 Pacific | 30 South Yakima | 42 Pine Creek |
| 3 San Juan County | 15 Lewis County | 31 Underwood | 43 Palouse |
| 4 Whatcom | 16 Wahkiakum | 32 Benton | 44 Whitman |
| 5 Skagit | 17 Cowlitz | 33 Franklin | 45 Walla Walla County |
| 6 Whidbey Island | 18 Clark | 34 Central Klickitat | 46 Columbia |
| 7 Snohomish | 19 Okanogan | 35 Eastern Klickitat | 47 Pomeroy |
| 8 Kitsap | 20 Chelan County | 36 Ferry | 48 Asotin County |
| 9 King | 21 Foster Creek | 37 Stevens County | 49 Grant |
| 10 Pierce | 23 South Douglas | 38 Pend Oreille | |
| 11 Grays Harbor | 27 Adams | 39 Lincoln County | |
| 12 Mason | 28 Kittitas County | 40 Spokane County | |

Note: Some CD boundaries have been modified on this map for cartographic purposes. All boundaries are approximate.





Big Bend Team

Big Bend Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop • Pasture • Range • Associated Agriculture Lands • Farmstead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant productivity and health • Plant structure and composition • Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution • Feed and forage balance • Inadequate livestock shelter • Surface water depletion • Inefficient irrigation water use • Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities • Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations 	Is the applicant following an NRCS approved Grazing Management Plan OR will be contracting prescribed grazing (528) for a minimum of 2 years	60
		Will the applicant be planting a mix of native species?	10
		Will livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution be improved?	30
		“What is the efficiency gain from going from current irrigation system to planned system (reference Table WA6-2 from the WA irrigation guide to make determination, https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2022-11/WA-Irrigation-Guide_4.pdf)?”	50
		Does the plan include (449) Irrigation Water Management (required for 2 growing seasons, with moisture sensors and data logger)?	20
		Does the producer have an approved conservation activity plan (CAP) or approved VSP plan? (CAP= agEMP or Audit completed that meets NRCS standards) and does the proposed project implement at least one practice within the applicable plan?	30





North Central Team

Pest Pressure Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
• Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides transported to groundwater • Pesticides transported to surface water • Plant pest pressure • Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors • Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates 	Will applicant implement integrated pest management (595) conservation practice on their property?	100
		Will the following practices (315, 327, 340, 328, 550, 666, & 810) be implemented to reduce plant pest pressure?	25
		Will the following practices be implemented to reduce PM 2.5 & 10 (327, 329, 340 342, 345, 372, 376, 380, 442, 484, 512, & 550)	50
		Will the producer install vegetative practices to improve wildlife habitat (315, 327, 340, 380, 420, 512, 550, 595, 612, 649, & 810)?	25





North East Team

North East Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range • Crop • Forest • Pasture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inefficient irrigation water use • Surface water depletion • Sediment transported to surface water • Nutrients transported to groundwater • Nutrients transported to surface water • Plant productivity and health • Plant structure and composition • Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution • Inadequate livestock shelter 	Will an Intermediate or Advanced Irrigation Water Management (IWM) practice be implemented as part of this irrigation project?	50
		Will a Prescribed Grazing Plan be implemented as part of this project?	75
		Will an off-site (non-riparian) water development be implemented as part of this project to change from current in-stream watering of livestock?	75





North West Team

North West Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
• Any	• Plant productivity and health	The project proposal includes a practice or practices t All Resource Concerns listed in column G: 1 practice = 20 points, 2 practices = 40 points, 3 or more practices =60 points	60
	• Plant structure and composition		
	• Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	Will project occur in within 2 miles of DNR Natural heritage site?	30
	• Seasonal high water table		
	• Ponding and flooding	Is this project proposing to implement a waste management system (313, 634, 632, 561, 367, 633, 590)?	50
	• Naturally available moisture use		
	• Nutrients transported to surface water	The project proposal occurs within 1000 ft adjacent to fresh or marine surface water.	30
	• Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water		
	• Nutrients transported to groundwater	“Is the project within 1 mile of an existing county-identified urban growth area (UGA)? “	30





Palouse Team Fund Pool

Palouse Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop • Range • Pasture • Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed and forage balance • Aggregate instability • Soil organism habitat loss or degradation • Plant productivity and health • Plant structure and composition • Sheet and rill erosion 	Will practices be applied on pasture or rangeland to meet or exceed planning criteria from a feed and forage imbalance?	20
		Will practices be applied on cropland to meet or exceed planning criteria for soil aggregate instability?	40
		Will practices be applied on cropland to meet or exceed planning criteria for soil organism habitat?	40
		Will practices be applied on cropland, rangeland, or pasture to improve plant productivity and health to meet or exceed planning criteria for the landuse?	60
		Will practices be applied on rangeland or pasture to improve plant structure and composition to meet or exceed planning criteria for the landuse?	30
		Will practices be applied on forest, rangeland, or pasture to reduce sheet and rill erosion to meet or exceed planning criteria for the landuse?	10



Puget Sound Team

Puget Sound Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates Plant productivity and health Plant structure and composition Compaction Soil organism habitat loss or degradation 	Will the proposed practice improve food, cover, or shelter for pollinators?	40
		Will the proposed practices assist with the implementation of an existing FMP?	40
		Will the proposed practices improve plant productivity resulting in a higher or better quality yield realized within the next 3 years?	40
		Does the practice schedule include one or more of the following conservation practices? 340 Cover Crop, 329 Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till, 528 Prescribed Grazing, 449 Irrigation Water Management, 420 Wildlife Habitat Planting, 422 Hedgerow Planting, 590 Nutrient Management, 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment, 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, 666 Forest Stand Improvement	40
		Will this practice schedule help the client in adopting any conservation practice for the first time?	40





Snake River Team

Livestock Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
• Any	• Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	ACT Now Request, Application date used, in lieu of ranking points for selection.	0
		Must have Grazing modifier to be eligible	0
	• Nutrients transported to surface water • Sediment transported to surface water • Plant productivity and health	Will the planned practices in this practice schedule assessment be installing a livestock watering facility or livestock watering system improvements to improve livestock water quantity, quality and distribution?	180
		Will the planned practices in this practice schedule be assessed and improve any 1 of the following resource concerns for nutrients transported to surface water, sediment transported to surface water or plant productivity and health?	20





South Central Team

Grazing Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range • Pasture • Farmstead • Associated Agriculture Lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant productivity and health • Plant structure and composition • Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution • Feed and forage balance • Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels 	Is prescribed grazing (528) included in the planned practices?	75
		Is the RHA biotic integrity attribute a moderate departure or less? – OR – Is the RHA functional/ structural indicator a moderate departure or less? – OR – Is the PCS percent desirable plants element <4? – OR – Is the PCS plant vigor element <4?	25
		Are existing water developments producing less than livestock water requirements based on Engineering Tech Note #19 Water Requirements for Beef Cattle (<20 gal/day/head beef) or on table 11-1 on the Livestock Pipeline Watering Facility Design spreadsheet gal/day/head within the PLU during the season of use?	25
		Do the applicant's livestock have to travel >0.5 miles to a developed water source within the PLU? – OR – Are existing water development locations within PLU not compatible with a planned prescribed grazing system?	25
		Are existing water developments producing less than livestock water requirements based on Engineering Tech Note #19 Water Requirements for Beef Cattle (<20 gal/day/head beef) or on table 11-1 on the Livestock Pipeline Watering Facility Design spreadsheet gal/day/head within the PLU during the season of use?	25
		Is the average SVAP2 bank condition score <5 for water courses within the PLU? - OR - Is the average PCS streambank and shoreline element <4 for watercourses within the PLU? - OR- Answer NO if there are no watercourses within the PLU?	25





South West Team

Water Quality and Upland Habitat Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
• Any	• Pesticides transported to surface water	Do planned practices reduce pesticide delivery into surface or ground waters within 200 feet of the land unit?	50
	• Pesticides transported to groundwater		
	• Sediment transported to surface water	Do planned practices reduce pesticide, sediment, and/or nutrient delivery toward an adjacent 303d listed waterbody within a quarter mile of the land unit?	50
	• Nutrients transported to surface water	Do planned practices manage/control sediment and/or nutrient delivery to surface water, wetlands or near shore habitat within a half mile meeting the qualifications outlined in WA NRCS Forest Road planning guide or from pastures, cropland or associated ag land?	25
	• Plant productivity and health		
	• Plant structure and composition	Do planned practices improve plant productivity and health or plant structure and composition?	25
	• Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	Do the land units where planned practices will be implemented have a wildlife modifier and will planned practices improve habitat for terrestrial species?	50





West Palouse Team

Forestry & Range Fund Pool

LANDUSES	RESOURCE CONCERNS	QUESTIONS	POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range • Pasture • Forest • Associated Agriculture Lands • Farmstead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates • Plant productivity and health • Plant structure and composition • Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution • Feed and forage balance • Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation 	Will plantings utilize native seed species?	25
		Will the practices benefit livestock or wildlife?	40
		Will the participant implement a livestock grazing system (PS 528)?	40
		Are firewise practices being implemented?	40
		Will the practices improve forest health?	25
		Will the practices reduce wildfire risk to structures?	30



State Initiatives

West Palouse Team

Priority 1: Updated Soil Survey For Adams County

Objective: Current soil survey predated ash deposition from Mt. St Helens. Soil survey needs to be updated to be relevant.

Priority 2: TSP Training

Objective: Provide coordinated training for TSP's as none currently exists.



Palouse Team

Priority 1: Greater number of contracts.

Objective: Consider funding a greater number of smaller contracts to achieve greater participation. Revisit practice or contract holddowns. Improve acceptance rate.

Conservation Practices		
Code	Name	Hold Down \$
345	Residue Management- Reduced Tillage	\$100,000
590	Nutrient Management	\$100,000
595	Integrated Pest Management	\$50,000

Priority 2: Low payment rate for 805 practice

Objective: Soil amendment with Lime is a (interim) practice with growing interest, but LWG brought up that the cost far exceeds what is paid through FA programs. LWG would appreciate an updated economic analysis based current material and transport/ application cost and considering typical prescribed application rates for lime in the inland NW, where it is believed that Idaho for example has a greater payment rate for the practice.

Priority 3: Facilitate Livestock Grazing of Cropland

Objectives: PLWG sees growing interest in grazing crop aftermath and cover crop under a “regenerative agriculture” trend but the temporary nature of the grazing event and loose ties to defined Resource Concerns limits ranking score competitiveness for FA program funds. It is believed that greater ranking and environmental benefit is accrued from manure and animal impact of grazing cropland than currently given. Specifically LWG would like better FA program access to funding for temporary fencing and livestock watering structures, and even permanent watering infrastructure.



National Water Quality Initiative

Big Bend Team

Current Conditions and Objectives

Conditions include grazing land, pastureland and some cropping, as well as Federal and State lands primarily for parks and wildlife. Saddle Gap and Royal Lake-Lower Crab Creek contribute sediments and turbidity to the Crab Creek drainage which is one of the water quality concerns listed by WDOE and negatively impact priority habitat for Chinook Salmon in Lower Crab Creek. Other included HUC are on the 303d list for pH, sediment, DO, and temperature. Improvements to Middle Crab Creek will positively benefit habitat and water quality in Lower Crab Creek which is already a NWQI reach.

Priority 1

- ♦ Middle Crab Creek - Crab Creek Lateral
(HUC 170200151007)
- ♦ Royal Lake - Lower Crab Creek
(HUC 170200151006)
- ♦ Saddle Gap
(HUC 170200151005)
- ♦ Hutchison Lake - Lower Crab Creek
(HUC 170200151004)
- ♦ Herman Lake
(HUC 170200151003)

Needed New Conservation Practices

West Palouse Team

Conservation Practice Title: Straw Application

Description: Soil cover for wind and water erosion prone areas.





IRA Project Proposals



Beginning in 2023, local work groups (LWG) were provided opportunity to submit Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Project Proposals to NRCS for funding consideration. These proposals are identification and recommendations of needed Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) fund pools that could be supported by IRA funding and the practices available under the IRA.

This year's LWGs provided 7 NEW project proposals, with a total of over \$27million in IRA funds requested for EQIP projects. NRCS will evaluate submitted proposals, as well as renewals of previously submitted projects, and make awards for Fiscal Year 2026. New individual project proposals are listed below.

Northwest Team	Forest Health & Resilience	\$656,099
	Soil & Pasture Health	\$131,826
Snake River Team	Forest Health	\$1,000,000
	Nutrient Management	\$10,000,000
	Pest Management	\$10,000,000
	Plant Productivity & Health	\$750,000
West Palouse	Cropland Soil Health	\$5,000,000

