



The Dirt

Cottonwood Creek Construction



Construction is underway at Cottonwood Creek to remove a fish passage barrier at the crossing of Cottonwood Creek and Grande Ronde Road.

The fish passage barrier limits access to spawning and rearing habitat for native salmonids, including Endangered Species Act-listed (ESA) Steelhead within Cottonwood Creek. The existing culvert will be removed and replaced with a three-sided concrete box culvert on footings.



Couse and Tenmile Creek Construction

The purpose of the construction is to install instream wood structures know as PALS (Post Assisted Log Structures) to improve fish habitat and water quality.

The goals of the project areas are to increase floodplain access, water/sediment retention, instream complexity, and facilitate replanting of riparian trees and shrubs.



Couse Creek Field Report from ACCD Staff – Lacy Ausman-Ditto

"The first phase of PALS is going very well – rugged terrain, extreme heat and an absolutely gorgeous canyon to work in. Everyone involved has been very excited to be a part of improving steelhead spawning areas in Asotin County."



Welcome new NRCS Snake River Team forester Andres Castellanos

Submitted by Angela Williams (Clarkston NRCS)

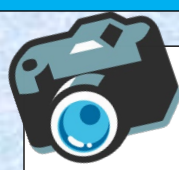
Southeastern Washington now has a NRCS forester to assist producers with forestry related conservation goals. Andres Castellanos arrived in our region in July and has been busy getting familiar with area forest landowners and the counties he will be assisting (Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin). Andres attended Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Forestry and Natural Resources and minoring in Geographic Information Systems for Agriculture.



Andres was born in Fontana, California and has roots in both Los Angeles and the Bay area. He has 5 siblings; two older sisters and three younger brothers. Andres enjoys woodworking, reading, and exploring new places in his off time. Andres would like to help landowners achieve healthy and resilient forests, while meeting their production goals. Please contact Andres if you are interested in implementing a forest project on your land and would like technical or financial assistance from NRCS. He can be reached at the Dayton, WA field office by phone: 509-404-3087 or email: Andres.castellanos@usda.gov.

FUN FACTS!

Washington State is 52 percent forest. The state is home to an incredibly diverse range of flora and fauna, including some of the oldest trees in the country. If you're a lover of the great outdoors (or just fascinated by very old things), Grove of the Patriarchs trail near Mount Rainier is the perfect place to see some of the state's oldest trees: Several are over a thousand years old and more than 25 feet in circumference.



Featured Photos

Attention all Asotin County landowners! Here's your chance to show off your fun and creative photography skills. Each month we will feature one of your photos!

Email us your favorite outdoor, landscape, or livestock photos that were taken in Asotin County to info@asotincd.org.

Please provide your name and a brief description.



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ACCD, FSA & NRCS Updates

- All offices closed Sept. 7th for Labor Day
- ACCD Board Mtg. Sept. 10th at 7 pm