



A quarterly newsletter produced and distributed by the Palouse Conservation District— bringing you news and updates on conservation efforts within SE Whitman County

Palouse News

Annual Surplus Tree Sale Tree Sale Pre-order Now Available!

It is not too early to start thinking about spring! Last year we offered a pre-sale option to our tree sale customers, and it was a great success! We will be offering a pre-sale again this year for customers who would like to purchase specific species and would like to receive order confirmation prior to the surplus tree sale. The deadline for preorders is January 1, 2012. Plants will be available for pick up on **Friday April 6th from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm and Saturday April 7th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** during our annual surplus tree sale. The event will take place at our office which is located at 1300 NE Henley Ct in Pullman.

Those not interested in the pre-sale will still be able to purchase overstocked conservation trees and shrubs at a great price on the day of the surplus tree sale. Palouse Conservation District staff will be available on site to answer any questions that you may have.

*****See order form insert in this newsletter*****

Did you know that you can receive the Palouse News electronically right to your e-mail Inbox?

Simply call or email our office and we will put you on our electronic mailing list. You can also go to our website: www.palousecd.org where you will find the Palouse News filed under "Newsletters".

If for any reason you want to be removed from our mailing list please let us know.

Whatever the size of the planting project you have in mind, the Palouse Conservation District is available to help develop a plan which will include the proper plants, materials and labor to help make it more successful. Please see the enclosed pre-sale order form and return it to us by January 1st or go online and order from our website.

The surplus tree sale will include a limited number of plants—so the pre-order is the way to go!

Planting trees is fun!



REMEMBER: Order your trees and shrubs early before they are sold out. You can pick up an order form at our office, mail the order form insert in this newsletter, OR you can order on-line from our website at www.palousecd.org. Click on 2012TREE-SALE, fill out the preorder form, submit, and mail your check.

Pre-order deadline is January 1, 2012!

Winter is a great time to think about all the great habitat you can create in the spring and our prices are right-so plant away!!!

New Equipment Expands District Capabilities

The Palouse Conservation District recently purchased two new tools that will greatly enhance our restoration and site management efforts.

The first is our Dew Drop Drill. This drill can plant large, fluffy seeds as well as small seeds. Two rows of discs prepare the seed bed, and the harrow tines do the final leveling and cover the seed. The result is a random distribution with no rows. This drill is ideal for native prairie and pollinator habitat restoration. Immediate plans for our Dew Drop Drill include planting native grasses and forbs at five projects funded through the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.



We also acquired a Polaris Ranger UTV. This machine will serve many functions in addition to pulling the new drill. It will be outfitted with a spray tank, hand gun and boom to aid in controlling invasive species at our restoration sites. It will also pull a mower and transport people, tools and plants to remote work sites. The increased efficiency this UTV provides will allow us to take on new projects while staying on top of our existing site maintenance needs.

Weed Spotlight: Fall Weed Control

The fall can be an effective time to control many perennial, biennial, and winter annual weeds. Fall is the time of year when perennials are storing sugars for next year so it is a good time to have herbicides translocated to the roots, giving you a better rate of control. Additionally, many biennials and winter annuals are also sprouting and forming a rosette, this is a time when the plant is more susceptible to herbicide applications (compared to in the spring once it has bolted), and you may be able to apply lighter rates to get desired control. Many annual grasses such as downy brome and ventenata also germinate in the fall and fall applications have proven a good tool for control. It may be easier to find many of these weeds this time of year as the grasses and flowers die back, or the crop has been removed leaving the weeds exposed. Depending on the product used, this may be the only time of year to spray weeds to avoiding harming desired plants.

A few things to remember:

- Many winter annuals will have completed their lifecycle by early spring.
- Many herbicides are only effective when applied directly to living plant tissue.
- Be sure to check the plants for signs of wilting or senescence before application, especially once temperatures drop below freezing.
- Some herbicides may have temperature restrictions for application so be sure to read and follow the label.

Palouse Conservation District 2012 TREE SALE
ORDER NOW! PRE ORDER DEADLINE is JANUARY 1, 2012
PICK UP TREES APRIL 6th 9:00am to 4:30pm & 7th 9:00am to 1:00 pm
*****PLEASE READ ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS ORDER FORM*****

You can also find order forms and species descriptions online at <http://www.palousecd.org/>

NAME	_____	DATE	_____
ADDRESS	_____	HOME PHONE	_____
E-MAIL ADDRESS	_____	CELL PHONE	_____

Would you like to receive our quarterly newsletter? NO YES (mail or electronic copy)

*Trees and shrubs marked with asterisk are native to Eastern Washington

SPECIES	QUANTITY	\$ AMOUNT
10 TREES IN A BUNDLE @ \$14.00 A BUNDLE		
AUSTRIAN PINE	_____	_____
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE	_____	_____
DOUGLAS FIR*	_____	_____
GRAND FIR*	_____	_____
PONDEROSA PINE*	_____	_____
	Total -	_____
10 TREES IN A BUNDLE @ \$15.00 A BUNDLE		
WESTERN HEMLOCK*	_____	_____
WESTERN LARCH (Tamarack)*	_____	_____
WESTERN RED CEDAR*	_____	_____
WESTERN WHITE PINE*	_____	_____
	Total -	_____
10 TREES IN A BUNDLE @ \$18.00 A BUNDLE		
OREGON GRAPE, Tall*	_____	_____
QUAKING ASPEN*	_____	_____
MOCK ORANGE (Syringa)*	_____	_____
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAPLE*	_____	_____
SNOWBRUSH CEANOTHUS*	_____	_____
	Total -	_____
10 SHRUBS IN A BUNDLE @ 16.00 A BUNDLE		
BLACK HAWTHORN*	_____	_____
BLUE ELDERBERRY*	_____	_____
RED OSIER DOGWOOD*	_____	_____
RUGOSA ROSE	_____	_____
SERVICEBERRY*	_____	_____
SNOWBERRY*	_____	_____
WOODS ROSE*	_____	_____
	Total -	_____
BUNDLES OF 10-36" CUTTINGS @ \$14.00 A BUNDLE		
COYOTE WILLOW*	_____	_____
COTTONWOOD*	_____	_____
DRUMMOND WILLOW*	_____	_____
MACKENZIE WILLOW*	_____	_____
PACIFIC WILLOW*	_____	_____
PEACHLEAF WILLOW*	_____	_____
RED OSIER DOGWOOD*	_____	_____
	Total -	_____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAKE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Palouse CD
 1300 NE Henley Ct #6
 Pullman, WA 99163

 SUB-TOTAL
 Add 7.8% Sales Tax
 BALANCE DUE

jenniferpcd@palousecd.org
 OR CALL PCD OFFICE-(509) 332-4101



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Ordering Instructions

1. Include your personal information. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (if you have one). If you do not have an email address, please include your phone # so we can contact you if needed.

2. All plants are bareroot seedlings unless otherwise noted.

3. You can also find order forms and species descriptions online at <http://www.palousecd.org>

4. Orders must be received by January 1, 2012. There is a limited number of plants so orders will be filled as they are received.

5. Order confirmation, payment confirmation, and pickup reminders will be sent out via email. If you don't have email, you will receive a hard copy confirmation in the mail.

6. Plants will be available for pick up only on:

Friday, April 6, 2012 from 9:00am until 4:30pm
Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 9:00am until 1:00pm

Plants must be picked up at the Palouse Conservation District Office located at:
1300 NE Henley Ct
Pullman, WA 99163

7. **Attention!** Any order not picked up at the District office will be donated to conservation projects. These live plants must be planted immediately.

****PLEASE NOTE****

Our office can only accept checks and/or exact cash
for ALL transactions

Thank you! We hope that you enjoy your trees and shrubs!



cut along the dotted line

Local Citizens Volunteer to Protect the North Fork Palouse River

Local citizens continue to pitch in to protect the North Fork Palouse River. In August, volunteers tackled litter in the North Fork Palouse River in and around Palouse, WA, and did site maintenance at the Palouse Native Plant Walk. A celebration BBQ and sign unveiling for the Palouse Native Plant Walk followed the volunteer activities.

Palouse Conservation District & City of Palouse partner to sponsor this annual event in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting local rivers and streams. Participating in a river clean-up is one way that citizens can do their part to protecting the Palouse River because a healthy community starts with a healthy river. Palouse Conservation District & City of Palouse will continue to host this annual event so please consider joining us next year! We hope to see you on the river!



Burning Issues

All burning by commercial agricultural operations require a permit, except when burning fence lines, drainage ditches, orchard pruning or natural vegetation blown by the wind (piles should be approximately 4'x4'x3'). **Remember that all fires need to be attended until completely extinguished (no flame or smoke).**

Spot Burning: What is it and when is it applicable? Spot burn permits are generally for areas that are ½ acre or less in size, such as: small weed patches, spots of heavy residue and equipment plugs or dumps. The spot burn permit fee is \$30.00, is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued, and is good for a cumulative total of no more than 10 acres of small spots during the year. Post-burn reporting is not required for spot burns.

Field Burn Permit applications should be completed for a burn of any size that is definable and predictable. A field burn permit is good only for the season it is issued (Spring or Fall). The fee is calculated at \$3.00 per acre with a minimum fee of \$30.00.

*Remember, if you need to burn CRP acres as a mid-contract management practice, you need to visit the Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Colfax prior to obtaining a burn permit from us.

Post-Burn Reporting is now easier than ever with on-line reporting at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/aginfo/Blue_card.html. This is the preferred method but you can still submit the blue card also. **REMEMBER** - it is a requirement that you file your post-burn report within 7 days of the burn.

PCD is your local permitting authority. Please call Pam at 509-332-4101 for your permit or if you have any questions.

South Fork Palouse River TMDL Implementation

The Palouse Conservation District is committed to assisting landowners and producers interested in conservation. Our office has funding available for conservation planning and project implementation throughout the South Fork Palouse River (SFPR) watershed. This includes properties along Missouri Flat, Paradise, Sunshine, Fourmile, Rose and Staley Creeks as well as other streams that flow into the SFPR.

Technical assistance, such as conservation planning, is always free for properties within the district. The planning process provides important documentation of the conservation practices that are already being implemented within the watershed. It also identifies management alternatives that could be used to enhance the property and protect local water quality. A good plan is vital to the financial and ecological sustainability of both small and large operations.

Project implementation is provided through our cost share program. If a landowner or operator with a conservation plan desires, they can receive up to 90% cost share for installing best management practices (BMPs) as outlined in their plan. This funding can pay for projects that use proven methods to protect water quality. A few examples include off-stream water facilities, heavy-use area protection, riparian plantings and fencing. Other projects may also qualify.

PCD staff are standing by to assist you. Our planners and engineer can help protect your resources for generations to come. Stop by or give us a call today.

Free Weed Mat & WSDOT Update

Some of you may have noticed a large pile of black fabric that recently showed up along SR 270 at Sunshine Road. ***The fabric is free to anyone who wants it.*** It is heavy duty stuff that can be used in a variety of ways. Lots of people have reused this weed mat as a barrier underneath gravel or bark in landscaping projects. It has also found homes in many local gardens. Please, help yourself to some today. The weed mat be hauled away permanently in just a few weeks. Let's keep this valuable, durable product working for us instead of taking up space in a landfill.

The removal of the weed mat represents a major milestone for the WSDOT mitigation sites between SR 270 and the Chipman Trail. For years, the fabric has stifled weed growth in the sites and allowed the shrubs and trees planted there to thrive. Now, the plants are large enough to out-compete almost any weeds that may invade the area. To further reduce weed pressure at the site, PCD recently spread several hundred pounds of native grass seed over the newly exposed soil. We will also continue using chemical and mechanical methods of weed control that have proven successful.

The WSDOT mitigation sites are part of a network of plantings running from Moscow to Pullman that have been installed over the last 15 years by various community groups. These projects are a critical component of the Paradise Creek watershed. Riparian buffers protect water quality by filtering surface runoff, increasing water infiltration rates, stabilizing stream banks and providing shade. They also increase the plant and animal diversity on our landscape. I encourage everyone to stop by one of the new "Plant the Palouse" signs along the Chipman Trail and admire the view.

Sunnyside Elementary Outdoor Classroom

Drew Schuldt, an AmeriCorps intern placed with the Palouse Conservation District, has been busy this year partnering with Sunnyside Elementary School to construct an outdoor classroom on the school property. The outdoor classroom consists of outdoor benches and a walking trail with interpretive signs through three different Palouse habitats including wetland, Palouse prairie, and forest.

On October 13th and 14th, The Palouse Conservation District put on two consecutive education days at Sunnyside Elementary as a kind of “kick off” for the Sunnyside Outdoor Classroom. Employees of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and The Palouse Discovery Science Center were also present to help all 18 classrooms, consisting of 450 students in grades K-5, through a number of educational stations including a wildlife nature walk, a stream trailer watershed demonstration, and native tree planting. Over 300 native plants were installed by students, staff, and Washington State University Center for Civic Engagement volunteers to accompany the newly constructed nature path and benches. The classroom is public and available for other schools to use as well. Drew has spent over 160 hours this year planning and building the classroom and is very happy and proud to see its successful completion.



Drew Schuldt, AmeriCorps member with PCD and project leader for Sunnyside Outdoor Classroom, works with students to plant native trees at the Sunnyside Outdoor Classroom.





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Palouse Conservation District says “thank you” to all of our fantastic volunteers!



Drew Schuldt works with students to plant native trees at the Sunnyside Outdoor Classroom.
(read the full story on page 7)

The Board of Supervisors meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at the District Office (call for meeting time)
There is no meeting in August.

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