



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 Listening Session

The Palouse Conservation District will be holding its Annual Listening Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Schweitzer (SEL) Event Center located at 1825 Schweitzer Drive in Pullman. Join us for dinner while you learn about current programs and opportunities for landowners and residents within the Palouse CD.

RVPS is not required, but appreciated.

Please contact Pam at 509-332-4101 or pamf@palousecd.org with questions or to RSVP.

Please join us for the Annual Listening Session. We need YOUR input to direct YOUR Conservation District's programs and services for next year!

A few options if you are not available to join us for the listening session: 1) fill out the comment card located on page 7 and return it to our office, 2) call our office and share your thoughts, or 3) stop by our office for a visit.

Cost-Share Now Available

Palouse Conservation District has cost-share available for projects that improve soil health, reduce erosion, improve grazing lands, establish or enhance native vegetation, restore riparian areas, improve wildlife habitat...

Protect valuable natural resources and improve your land and/or operation

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2014 and must meet NRCS specs

Call today to start a cost-share application (509)332-4101



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.



Burning Issues: Refund Deadline

**Burn permit refund requests must be received by
December 31st**

Please contact Pam at (509) 332-4101 or pamf@paloused.org

Landowner Opportunity

The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Runway Realignment Project is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment (EA), through the NEPA process. This project will require some off-site wetland/stream mitigation efforts. The project sponsors are actively looking for willing land owners with larger tracts (i.e. greater than 20 acres) of riverine wetlands, segments of streams or floodplains, which could contain some enhancement/mitigation efforts. Examples of mitigation efforts include: installing native re-plantings or perching poles; bank stabilization measures, livestock exclusionary fencing, and noxious weed removal. The land associated with the mitigation efforts would need to be placed in a perpetual conservation easement. Land owners would be adequately compensated for the allocation of the perpetual conservation easement.

Please contact Jennifer at (509) 332-4101 or jenniferpcd@paloused.org

Discounted Tree Tubes Available

Palouse CD has an abundance of used tree tubes available for sale. Tree tubes will be offered at a discounted rate through the end of January.

Please contact Drew at (509) 332-4101 or drews@paloused.org

Palouse Conservation District 2014 TREE SALE

ORDER NOW! PRE ORDER DEADLINE is JANUARY 15th 2014

PICK UP TREES APRIL 5th 9:00am to 4:30pm & 6th 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 @ \$15.00 A BUNDLE	
AUSTRIAN FINE		
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE		
DOUGLAS FIR*		
GRAND FIR*		
PONDEROSA PINE*		
	Total=	
	10 TREES IN A BUNDLE @ \$16.00 A BUNDLE	
WESTERN HEMLOCK*		
WESTERN LARCH (Tamarack)*		
WESTERN WHITEPINE*		
	Total=	
	10 TREES IN A BUNDLE @ \$19.00 A BUNDLE	
OREGON GRAPE, Tall*		
QUAKING ASPEN*		
MOCK ORANGE (Syringa)*		
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAPLE*		
SNOWBRUSH CEANOTHUS*		
CASCARA		
	Total =	
	10 SHRUBS IN A BUNDLE @ 17.00 A BUNDLE	
BLACK HAWTHORN*		
BLUE ELDERBERRY*		
RED OSIER DOGWOOD*		
SERVICEBERRY*		
SNOWBERRY*		
WOODS ROSE*		
CHOKECHERRY*		
	Total =	
	BUNDLES OF 10-36" CUTTINGS @ \$15.00 A BUNDLE	
COYOTE WILLOW*		
COTTONWOOD*		
DRUMMOND WILLOW*		
MACKENZIE WILLOW*		
PACIFIC WILLOW*		
PEACH LEAF WILLOW*		
RED OSIER DOGWOOD*		
	Total =	
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CHECKS PAYABLE TO:	Add 7.8% Sales Tax	
Palouse CD	BALANCE DUE	
1300 NE Henley Ct #6	pamf@palousecd.org	
Pullman, WA 99163	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 15, 2014. 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 4, 2014 from 9:00am until 4:30pm
Saturday, April 5, 2014 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!



Mike Denny Joins As the Cluster Coordinator for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

On July 8th, 2013, Mike Denny walked through the doors of the Pomeroy Conservation District as the newest employee for the Garfield and Whitman County CDs. Mike comes to these Conservation Districts from the Walla Walla County CD where he was the Riparian Habitat Coordinator in charge of the CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program). Mike's position as the CREP cluster coordinator will serve four Conservation Districts- Pomeroy CD (Garfield County), Palouse CD (Pullman), Palouse-Rock Lake CD (Saint Johns) and Whitman CD (Colfax).

The CREP program is a FSA managed program with an agreement with the NRCS and the Washington State Conservation Commission to fund and place great projects on the ground. This program is an outstanding program as it is voluntary! The local CDs are able to assist landowners and producers with solutions to all kinds of natural resource challenges. The goal of the CREP is to present solutions towards the management and sustainability of the natural resources on private lands. All of these CDs have an aim to work hard to make each producer we work with a success for the long term. Mike is looking forward to meeting many of you and working with you over the years to come.

Mike has co-authored three books and illustrated one. These books are "Birds of the Inland Northwest and the Northern Rockies" (2008), "The Birds of Interior BC and the Rockies" (2009) and "Where the Great River Bends: A Natural and Human History of the Columbia at Wallula" (2008). The book he illustrated is "The Birders Guide to Idaho" (1998). He also sits on the board of the Tri-State Steelheaders where he recently was awarded the Wib Wagoner Award for Conservation. He is very involved with many other conservation organizations in southeast Washington. Mike has presented many programs on conservation to all kinds of groups.

He is married to his wife of 26 years MerryLynn. They have no children but many nephews and nieces. MerryLynn and Mike enjoy birding, photography, travel, hiking and people.



Mike Denny, CREP Cluster Coordinator for Whitman and Garfield County Conservation Districts

Annual Surplus Plant Sale



Mark your calendar! The Palouse Conservation District's Annual Surplus Plant Sale is just around the corner. The event will take place on **Friday April 5th from 9:00am - 4:30pm** and **Saturday April 6th from 9:00am - 1:00pm** at our office which is located at 1300 NE Henley Ct in Pullman.

Overstocked conservation trees and shrubs will be available for purchase at a great price on the day of the surplus plant sale. Palouse Conservation District staff will be available on site to answer any questions that you may have. 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.

The surplus tree sale will include a limited number of plants—so come early!

Reminder: If you ordered plants during our pre-sale, your plants will be available for pick up during the Annual Surplus Plant Sale.

Wetland Restoration and Education Site Completed

Palouse Conservation District partnered with the Port of Whitman and the Palouse Discovery Science Center to enhance wetlands adjacent to our offices. The partnership also designed and installed interpretive signs and an interactive computer kiosk adjacent to a nature path. In addition to public use, the wetland is used as an outdoor classroom for local natural resource conservation programs. Funding was provided by Washington State Conservation Commission and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



2013 Conservation Tour

The 2013 Palouse Conservation District Tour highlighted natural resource conservation projects related to direct seed systems, precision agriculture, livestock operation enhancements, Palouse Prairie protection and restoration, streambank restoration, and conservation education. Plan to join us next year!



Share Your Thoughts

Please use this card to share your thoughts with us regarding the services and programs that Palouse Conservation District should focus on next year.

What can YOUR Conservation District do for you? _____

What programs or services would you like to see Palouse CD continue to offer or develop? _____

If you will be joining us for The Palouse Conservation District Annual Listening Session on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, feel free to return this card with the following information:

I will be attending, and there will be _____ number of people in my party

Topics I would like to hear about at the Listening Session include:

Palouse CD Launches New Internship Program



Palouse CD has established a new internship program to provide interns with valuable hands-on experience in natural resources conservation, enhance local participation in natural resource conservation, and raise community awareness of local conservation issues.

Interns work cooperatively with District staff to implement conservation practices and deliver outreach throughout the Palouse Conservation District. Interns work on a variety of District programs including: native plant establishment, watershed planning, conservation planning, wildlife habitat, water quality monitoring, livestock management, conservation tillage, education and outreach.

Interns collaborate with staff to plan and implement restoration projects, perform maintenance and monitoring of projects, recruit and supervise volunteers, provide overall project support, and to raise community awareness on the importance of conservation.


Call or email our office today to find out about current internship availability:
Contact Drew Schuldt, Natural Resources Coordinator at drews@palousecd.org or (509) 332-4101



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Pre-Order Deadline-January 15, 2014

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Meet our New AmeriCorps Member



Palouse Conservation District welcomes Mikaela Legarsky as the new AmeriCorps member. Mikaela grew up in Port Townsend Washington and has a strong passion for the water. Mikaela is a recent Washington State University graduate and receive her Bachelors of Arts in Social Studies. Mikaela's career goals are to graduate from the University of Idaho with a Masters in Water Resource Management and work for a non-profit as an education and volunteer coordinator. In her leisure time she enjoys rock climbing, scuba diving, and swimming with her fiancée.

Mikaela will be involved in many projects this year and will be delivering education programs for Whitman and Asotin Counties including Wheat Week and Water on Wheels.

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

Board of Supervisors
Larry Cochran, Chair (1990)
Chris Heitstuman (1998)
Keith Kopf (1997)
Mark Whitmore (1998)
Joan Folwell (2010)

Associate Board Members
Greg Jones (1992)
Dave Stout (2010)
Al Bruns (2011)
Patrick O'Neil (2011)
Kim Weerts (2012)
Ben Moehrle (2012)

District Staff
Jennifer Boie, District Manager
Pam Furchtenicht, Administrative Coordinator
Drew Schuldt, Natural Resource Coordinator

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