

# Asotin County Conservation District

State Legislative District #9  
Congressional District #5

## Other Accomplishments

- Over \$700,000 was provided in cost-share to improve and conserve natural resources by installing BMPs, including riparian and upland projects, water developments, CREP, direct seed, tree planting and watering, and livestock projects.



Water Development



New Forestry Program



Direct Seed/Residue Management

## 2010 Feature Accomplishment Cultural Resource Partnership

### *Resource Challenge*

Throughout Washington State, NRCS has expressed concerns regarding the number of projects they have approved and funded but do not have the resources to put on the ground. The primary delay in the east part of the state has been caused by cultural resource requirements. There is only one archeologist on staff in the NRCS east area resulting in a backlog and preventing projects from being implemented.

### *Project Summary and Results*

ACCD utilized the Technical Service Provider funds through WSCC to contract with NRCS to complete EQIP cultural resource surveys in Asotin County and Garfield County. BPA agreed to provide funds to complete surveys for WHIP projects in Asotin County. Surveys were completed for four EQIP projects which will allow 22 BMPs to be implemented resulting in \$50,747 in cost-share to landowners. There were also two surveys completed for WHIP projects that will result in 16 BMPs being installed totaling \$68,730 in cost-share for landowners in Asotin County. NRCS and Conservation Districts have had a strong partnership for many years and this project is one more example of the success of that relationship. There was a total of \$10,716 provided by WSCC and BPA to complete these surveys that will result in six NRCS projects being approved for implementation and conservation being put on the ground.

### *Key Project Partners*

Asotin County CD, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Washington State Conservation Commission, Bonneville Power Administration and Private Landowners



Shovel probe completed for cultural resource survey



Visual survey being completed for WHIP project site

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## More Work To Do

- Increase outreach & education efforts, especially targeting landowners that have not utilized District programs in the past and assist them with conservation projects.
- Provide continued support for CREP contracts within the maintenance period.
- Partner with NRCS and FSA to address cultural resource requirements on newly approved projects
- Continue putting good conservation projects on the ground by providing technical assistance and cost-share to landowners