



FY2013 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14) Annual Work Plan Underwood Conservation District

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Indian Creek Fish Passage Project

Mission of Underwood Conservation District

- ❖ *The mission of Underwood Conservation District is to enhance natural resources and stewardship in Skamania County and western Klickitat County.*

Natural Resource Priorities (not in priority order):

- ❖ *Wildfire Risk Reduction / Firewise Communities*
- ❖ *Forest Land Management*
- ❖ *Farm and Ranch Land Management*
- ❖ *Irrigation Efficiency Improvements*
- ❖ *Orchard and Vineyard Management*
- ❖ *Wildlife Habitat Enhancement*
- ❖ *Water Conservation*
- ❖ *Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Enhancement*
- ❖ *Invasive Species*

Program Area: *Natural Resources*

Goals:

- ❖ *Through 2017, coordinate with other agencies to create Firewise communities and empower them to implement Firewise projects and principles.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, assist forestland owners in forest management plans, technical recommendations, implement those plans through district cost share agreements as well as state and federal grants/cost share, and serve as a liaison between the landowner and regulatory agencies.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, assist farmers and ranchers, both small and large-scale, with farm plans, nutrient management plans, cost share and grant applications, technical assistance on site specific projects, and serve as a liaison between the landowner and regulatory agencies.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, assist irrigation districts, ditch companies, and Coordinated Resource Management Areas through facilitation and project sponsorship.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, conduct active outreach to orchardists and vineyard operators to identify needs and how we can be of assistance.*
- ❖ *By 2017, identify and complete at least 5 pollinator or wildlife habitat enhancement projects.*

- ❖ *Through 2017, assist water users in the district with water conservation practices.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, continue to establish and improve riparian buffers.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, maintain invasive species control by working with County and state natural resource agencies and local landowners.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, maintain and improve a prioritized list of projects that supports watershed health. Review this list annually.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, in coordination with others, implement ways to fill data gaps identified in watershed plans.*

Funding Sources: WA DNR, Skamania County, RCO SRFB, USFWS, PCSRF/YN, BPA F&W, South Central WA RC&D, WSCC (see glossary for acronym definitions)

Activities for FY2013	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Pursue successful implementation of Firewise Program by assisting with landowner education and fire hazard reduction.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Dan Richardson</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$135,000</i>	
<i>Identify, design, and provide technical assistance for forestland improvement projects on private lands.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Whitney Butler</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>		
<i>Identify, design, and provide technical assistance for livestock management projects, water quality improvements, and riparian buffer projects with cooperating landowners.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Carly McNeil</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>	
<i>Continue to work with irrigation groups to identify, pursue funding for, design and implement irrigation improvement projects.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	
<i>Assess needs and gain public input on how we can assist orchardists and vineyard owners/operators.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	
<i>Continue to implement steelhead habitat enhancement/restoration work in Wind River, via BPA contract.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$96,000</i>	
<i>Pursue successful completion of projects such as Buck Creek Irrigation Improvement, Trout Lake Irrigation Improvement, Rattlesnake Creek Stream Enhancement, Mill Creek Culvert Replacement, and Cannavina Road Culverts Replacement.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round projects</i>	<i>\$155,000</i>	
<i>Complete Construction on Phase 2 of Little Wind River Community Habitat Enhancement project.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Dan Richardson</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$90,000</i>	
<i>Conduct a land use inventory of the District, assessing natural resource needs of District and ways UCD can fulfill those needs.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>30 days</i>		
<i>Continue work with the WSRWMC and WRWC, as time and funding allow, to develop a WS and WR Watershed Enhancement Project List and Work Plan.</i>	<i>July 2013-June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>20 days</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	
<i>Initiate and maintain a Watershed Enhancement Project List</i>	<i>July 2013-June</i>	<i>Tova</i>	<i>30 days</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	

outside of the Wind River and White Salmon River watersheds.	2014	Tillinghast			
Maintain a project and water quality geodatabase for the district.	July 2013-June 2014	Carly McNeil	Year-round project	\$19,000	
Continue to participate in WRIA 29A & 29B planning processes when possible, and as data gaps are identified and prioritized, assist in securing funding and gathering data; participate in WRIA 28 & 30 planning efforts where possible as well.	July 2013-June 2014	Tova Tillinghast	Year-round project	\$20,000	

Program Area: *Information and Education*

Goals:

- ❖ *Through 2017, raise awareness of UCD and our services throughout the district.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, educate the district's school students on natural resource issues, and promote the Envirothon program.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, provide forestry, livestock, horticulture and water conservation training to the public on an annual basis.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, provide educational opportunities to small parcel landowners and occupiers on natural resource stewardship.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, provide education and outreach to local land occupiers to reduce water consumption and solid waste.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, increase education and outreach to minority populations.*

Funding Sources: *WA DNR, Skamania County, South Central WA RC&D, WSCC (see glossary for acronym definitions)*

Activities for FY2012	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Increase public outreach about the District and invite more input in Annual Planning and Long Range Planning Process.	July 2013-June 2014	Tova Tillinghast	Year-round project	\$1,000
Conduct programs, tours, site visits, and educational activities throughout the District.	July 2013-June 2014	Tova Tillinghast	Year-round project	\$4,000
Continue partnering with USFWS, MCFEG, YN, other partners, and school districts to educate students on natural resource issues, including WaterJam, the Envirothon, and pursuing funding for an education/outreach position.	July 2013-June 2014	Carly McNeil	Year-round project	\$3,000
Pursue funding for and provide educational opportunities and technical assistance for livestock, forest, horticulture, and natural resource management.	July 2013-June 2014	Carly McNeil	Year-round project	\$3,000
Continue participating in Coordinated Resource Management Planning groups.	July 2013-June 2014	Carly McNeil	5 days	\$1,000
Conduct an annual native plant and noxious weed identification tour in partnership with Klickitat and Skamania Counties.	July 2013-June 2014	Dan Richardson	5 days	\$1,000

<i>Integrate outreach and education about aquatic and terrestrial invasive species into general UCD educational materials, as well as continued participation in the Columbia Gorge Coordinated Weed Management Area meetings.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Dan Richardson</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$32,000</i>
<i>Plan reprinting and distribution of Landowner Handbook, and contact both counties for online posting or distribution.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Carly McNeil</i>	<i>3 days</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Continue annual Plant Sale, Arbor Day event, and consider extending Arbor Day event to West-end of Skamania County.</i>	<i>Nov. 2013- March 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>4 months</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Continue to improve and update UCD website.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Investigate and pursue opportunities to provide natural resources services to minority populations.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Carly McNeil</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>

Program Area: *District Operations*

Goals:

- ❖ *By 2017, have all needed staffing and staff training to implement the Long Range Plan.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, pursue funding and practice fiscal prudence to retain staff and provide district services into the future.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, establish and maintain positive solid relationships with Klickitat County and Skamania County.*
- ❖ *By 2017, have all facilities, vehicles, equipment to meet the needs of the district.*
- ❖ *Through 2017, work with neighboring districts and other entities to share resources and information.*

Funding Sources: *WSCC (see glossary for acronym definitions)*

Activities for FY2012	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
<i>Keep UCD staff grants/time-tracking up-to-date and work to balance staff workload, including identification of additional staffing, staff training, or funding needs.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Raise awareness of UCD projects and services by requesting to meet with Skamania and Klickitat County Commissioners on a regular basis, identifying ways to meet county needs, and compiling landowner/stakeholder letters of support.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Continually assess office, vehicle, and equipment needs, and look for ways to make improvements.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Provide supervisor and staff training and equipment improvements/upgrades as needed to sustain capable staff and work environment.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Regularly update the board of supervisors with budget picture and potential changes.</i>	<i>July 2013- June 2014</i>	<i>Tova Tillinghast and Ann Gross</i>	<i>Year-round project</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>



FY2013 Annual Budget Underwood Conservation District

Underwood Conservation District budget for FY2013 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14)

Funding Source	Amount
<i>BPA F&W – Wind River</i>	\$118,600
<i>DNR Fish Passage Inventory</i>	\$127,995
<i>DNR Fuels Reduction Husum</i>	\$ 4,245
<i>DNR Fuels Reduction Trout Lake</i>	\$ 4,557
<i>DNR Firewise Coordinator</i>	\$ 7,707
<i>DNR Firewise CWPP Implementation</i>	\$112,478
<i>ECY Fecal Coliform Water Quality</i>	\$242,005
<i>RCO SRFB – Buck Creek</i>	\$ 80,025
<i>PCSRF/YN – Rattlesnake Creek</i>	\$ 10,415
<i>SCW RC&D Save Water Save Energy</i>	\$ 4,272
<i>Skamania County General Funding</i>	\$ 1,372
<i>Skamania County Title III – Firewise</i>	\$ 90,532
<i>USFWS – Cannavina Fish Passage</i>	\$ 77,635
<i>USFWS – Indian Creek</i>	\$ 47,467
<i>WSCC Livestock TA*</i>	\$ 27,210
<i>WSCC Category 1 District Operations*</i>	\$ 25,000
<i>WSCC Category 2 Implementation*</i>	\$ 32,580
<i>WSCC Basic Funding*</i>	\$ 12,500
Total	\$1,026,595



Little Wind River Community Habitat Enhancement

**WSCC funds are not yet allocated for FY13, hence these are estimates based on FY12 allocations.*

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Glossary of Acronyms:

BPA F&W – Bonneville Power Administration’s Fish and Wildlife Division subcontracts with UCD to conduct steelhead restoration work in the Wind River

PCSRF/YN – Yakama Nation has Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding that has been subcontracted to UCD for various projects

RCO SRFB – Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, has funded numerous projects for UCD

Skamania County Title III – Under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Act, counties such as Skamania County are authorized to allocate federal funding to help pay for programs related to Firewise.

South Central WA RC&D – South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council

USFWS – US Fish and Wildlife Service

WA DNR Western States – Washington Department of Natural Resources has “Western States” funding that has then been subcontracted to UCD for various projects including Firewise work and a fish passage inventory.

WSCC – Washington State Conservation Commission, UCD’s state-level guiding agency, provides funding on an annual basis