

# Asotin Conservation District

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Feature 2013 Accomplishment:

## Livestock Impacts Addressed on ESA-listed River/Stream

*Resource Challenge:* The District began working with the landowner in 2009 to address water quality concerns that were identified by the Department of Ecology. The primary concern was the environmental impacts due to livestock having access to an ESA-listed river and stream. The landowner embraced the opportunities available and has utilized District and Natural Resources Conservation Service cost-share programs, as well as enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and completed a stream bank stabilization project without cost-share assistance.



Before project implementation



CREP buffer and plantings installed

*Project Summary and Results:* This project includes 3 CREP projects (2 completed) totaling approximately 50 acres and providing total livestock exclusion from the stream; 11 water developments (5 completed); 3 heavy-use protection areas (1 completed); 16,480 ft. of cross fence (10,580 installed); 16,300 ft. riparian fence (12,100 ft. installed); and 13,000 trees and shrubs (7,500 planted). **This project alone created jobs for 3 people.**

*Key Project Partners:* Our partners included the WA State Conservation Commission; Natural Resources Conservation Service; Farm Service Agency; Bonneville Power Administration; WA Department of Ecology; and the landowner.



### Other Accomplishments

- Over \$600,000 was provided in cost-share to improve and conserve natural resources by installing best management practices (BMPs).
- Conducted project tour and presentation during scientific review of Bonneville Power Administration-funded projects.
- Assisted 22 landowners with their fuel reduction efforts and provided over \$80,000 in cost-share.



Cows in the river

Stream bank erosion



Wood and rock structures installed

## More Work to Do!

- Provide outreach and education efforts targeting both students and adults: Salmon in the Classroom, workshops, Envirothon, and tours.
- Continue stream temperature monitoring.
- Actively seek additional funding opportunities to achieve our natural resource goals.
- Continue providing technical and financial assistance to landowners to put good conservation projects on the ground.
- Provide assistance to landowners to implement 3 manure management projects for which cost-share funds have been secured from the SCC, Bonneville Power Administration, and the Department of Ecology.