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To: Washington State Conservation Commission,
Washington State Conservation Districts,
Washington Association of Conservation Districts

From: Okanogan Conservation District Board and Staff *Craig Nelson*

Subject: July 2014 Conservation Commission Tour and Interaction Dinner

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and staff members of the Okanogan Conservation District you are cordially invited to attend a conservation project tour we will host on July 16, 2014 starting at 12:30 PM. The purpose of the tour is to showcase a small cross-section of the conservation projects our cooperators have undertaken with the support of our district. We will begin and end the tour at the Omak Best Western Peppertree Inn (820 Koala Ave., Omak, WA). We will be touring a Firewise project, Okanogan River fish screening project, and a dryland cover crop trial. The tour should be complete by 5:30 PM.

Following the tour you are invited to an interactive dinner at Pine Stump Farms (owned and operated by Albert Roberts and Carey Hunter) located about 12 miles East of Omak. This dinner is being prepared by Slow Food Okanogan by local agriculturalists and the setting is a working farm among the Ponderosa Pine forests of Colville Indian Reservation. Transportation to dinner will be on your own but ride shares are encouraged and will be provided if requested and as space allows.

We will provide light refreshments during the tour but please come prepared for high temperatures and low humidity as mid-July weather is typically very warm (mid 90's to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit are not unusual). Also, please note that shade will be limited so a hat and other sun protection is highly recommended.

Please RSVP no later than 4:00 PM on July 7, 2014 for the tour and interaction dinner with the Okanogan Conservation District at (509) 422-0855, ext. 5, or by e-mail at craig@okanogancd.org.