

# Pend Oreille Conservation District

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## 2014 Feature Accomplishment: Little Spokane River Watershed — reed canarygrass removal



Top: Windrow and plantings

Bottom: Project access road  
through plantings

**RESOURCE CHALLENGE** Reed canarygrass is a thick-growing invasive species that takes nutrients from desired native plants. A local landowner wanted to restore the nearly half mile of shoreline on their property back to its native vegetation. The Pend Oreille Conservation District (POCD) got in touch with the landowner through a marketing campaign from the POCD to promote healthy watersheds within the Little Spokane River Watershed.

**PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS** The POCD worked with the landowner to identify the historical native plant species of the area, and — because reed canarygrass doesn't tolerate shade — developed a plan to control the invasive grass by shading it out. The plan called for brush pile windrows that served as wind protection for new plants and trees and provide habitat for birds and wildlife. In total, 1,200 plants and trees of several native species that grow 6-30 feet in height were planted on three foot centers with a goal to reduce the reed canarygrass. Results will likely be seen once the trees and plants reach their mature heights.

**KEY PARTNERS:** Landowners Pete Jackson and Cindy Knudsen

## Other Accomplishments

- Off-Site watering facility in Elk, WA
- Hardened crossing in Usk, WA
- Hardened crossing in Newport, WA

## More Work to Do!

- Two miles of exclusion fencing and 2-3 off-site watering facilities in Cusick, WA.
- 3-4 off-site watering facilities as part of a multi-year project in Usk, WA.
- Re-establish education events.