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## Eastern Klickitat Conservation District

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and staff of Eastern Klickitat Conservation District, you are invited to attend a conservation project and partnership tour on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. The purpose of the tour is to share a cross-section of conservation projects and natural resource issues in eastern Klickitat County.

Our tour of the Rock Creek area will begin with the bus pickup at the Quality Inn (808 Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620) at 1:00 PM.

Here are the tour highlights:

- Tour of properties that were funded for Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase through the Office of Farmland Preservation.
- The tour will include stops along Rock Creek and Squaw Creek to explain the permanent gauging stations, steelhead migrations, and the importance of the Rock Creek steelhead to the Mid-Columbia ESA listing.
- We will stop to view the Kelley Ranches livestock operation and hear from Mike and Dixie Kelley about their decision to apply for the ACE funding, how it is important to their lifestyle, and why it should be continued.
- Return to Rock Creek for discussion about the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.
- Along the way we will hear about the upper watershed assessment being done by EKCD and Central Klickitat CD (CKCD) in the Rock Creek watershed.
- We will discuss the other watershed options being pursued by EKCD and CKCD on the Western Pacific Timber property, in cooperation with WDFW.
- The bus will return to the Quality Inn by 5:00 PM

**Even if you cannot join us for the tour, please join us for the dinner at 6:00 PM.** Dinner will be at Ayutla's Mexican Family Restaurant, which is across the parking lot from the motel. A Mexican food buffet will be available for \$23.00 per person, to be paid to EKCD at time of dinner. Alternatively, you may order off the menu (vegetarian and American food options are available) and pay the restaurant directly.

**If you would like to attend the tour and/or interaction dinner, please click this link:**  
<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2052729-5w8z5tM1mS> no later than May 12<sup>th</sup> or you may call Lori Gonzalez at the Conservation Commission at (360) 407-7417.

If you have questions about the tour please contact Mindy Pomerinke at the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District by calling (509) 773-5823 x 5, or by e-mail at [cdoffice@gorge.net](mailto:cdoffice@gorge.net).