

# Pend Oreille Conservation District

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## 2016 Feature Accomplishment

### Wetland restoration project - Boy Scouts of America



Planting list: Woods Rose, Coyote Willow, Red Osier Dogwood, Snowberry, Thimbleberry, Quaken Aspen, Chokecherry, Blue Elder Berry, and Douglas Spirea

#### RESOURCE CHALLENGE

Before developing a wetland restoration plan, the Boy Scouts of America faced the challenge of eliminating just over 16 acres of noxious weeds from the wetlands that border Diamond Lake. Invasive species pose a concern in that they often outcompete native species, eliminating habitat and vegetation for local wildlife. Additionally, when poorly managed, noxious weeds have negative impacts on local agriculture as invasive species proliferate and make their way into crops.

#### PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

The Pend Oreille Conservation District (POCD) developed a restoration plan with long-term natural resource goals in mind. To re-establish native vegetation, POCD cost-shared on the installation of 6,280 native trees and shrubs. Once these native species are established, the plantings will provide long-term natural resource solutions by outcompeting the invasive weeds for sunlight and other resources. Future work includes monitoring the planting to identify the most “successful” species. Information gained through monitoring will be used in the development of future planting and maintenance plans.



Osprey overlooking the Boy Scout's planting from a raptor pole.  
Photo: David Marcell

**KEY PARTNERS:** The Boy Scouts of America; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wildwood Forestry (Newport, WA)

### Other Accomplishments

- Developed riparian restoration plans for two landowners in the Little Spokane River Watershed. POCD will implement these projects with Department of Ecology centennial funds later in the year.
- Received State Conservation Commission Natural Resource Investments (non-shellfish) funds to install 2,500 feet of livestock exclusion fencing and 750 native plants.
- Re-established partnership with local utility district to provide technical assistance on riparian planting projects associated with utility district mitigation contracts.

### More work to do!

- Hire a part-time Office Assistant/Outreach Coordinator.
- Generate a list of landowners interested in free Firewise home assessments by hosting Firewise workshops and attending local homeowner association meetings.
- Increase district marketing efforts by developing press releases, updating the POCD website, and re-establishing a presence on social media.