



PEND OREILLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 7 Congressional District: 5

Other accomplishments:



Installed 3,565 native plants throughout the county in an effort to stabilize banks, filter nutrients, and improve habitat.



Combined SCC Natural Resource Investments funding with federal funding to install 2,600 feet of riparian fencing.



Hosted volunteer event to complete annual maintenance at the Verbrugge Environmental Center.

Photos by David Marcell

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

REDUCING WILDFIRE FUELS IN PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Resource challenge

Pend Oreille County is heavily forested with 78 percent of land covered in mixed conifer. Overstocked stands are an ever-growing concern as wildfires occur more frequently in Washington. A majority of parcels in Pend Oreille County are small forested acres, which elevates the need to maintain private acreage for the sake of life and property. Pend Oreille Conservation District (POCD) got involved to leverage funds and resources to make individual fuels reduction projects possible.

Project summary and results

With Firewise funding secured through the Washington State Conservation Commission, the POCD was able to develop several partnerships that maximized our Firewise efforts. Working with both the Stevens County Conservation District and two of our local fire districts, POCD completed over 130 home ignition zone assessments. In addition to one-on-one landowner fire prevention education, these assessments resulted in four projects that treated 65 acres in our target area and generated dozens more potential fuels reduction projects. With additional funds, much more could be accomplished.

Key partners: Stevens County Conservation District; South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue; Pend Oreille County Fire District 6; Washington State Conservation Commission; WSU Extension



Mossman Acreage: Before (left) and after (right) removal of tree limbs and brush that could have added fuel to wildfires. Photos by Shannon Mossman and David Marcell

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Expand and amend current agreements with our local public utility district.
- ▶ Secure Washington State Department of Ecology water quality funding.
- ▶ Host a natural resource management workshop focused on wildfire fuels reduction and water quality.