



PINE CREEK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Legislative District: 9 Congressional District: 5

Other accomplishments:

- ▶ Assisted landowners with direct seeding implementation.
- ▶ Provided conservation planning and GIS mapping for landowners.
- ▶ Participated with other conservation districts in implementing Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
- ▶ Presented riparian development proposals to local landowners.
- ▶ Processed agricultural burn permits for local landowners and farmers.

2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

FACILITATING COOPERATIVE PLAN FOR FLOOD CONTROL



Flooding on SR27, with Oakesdale beyond and sewage treatment lagoons immediately to the left of picture.

Resource challenge

The frequency and magnitude of flooding has been increasing at the junction of McCoy and Spring Creeks at the southeast edge of Oakesdale, Washington. Springtime flooding of the town has impacted businesses, roads, residents' basements, and potentially a state-owned railroad. The town and Representative Mary Dye asked the Pine Creek Conservation District to assist with efforts to alleviate flooding and improve streamside habitat.

Project summary and results

This project is complicated due to it involving two streams, a state highway, county road, several private landowners, an adjacent town sewage facility, state railroad, and an abandoned private railroad trestle. The conservation district managed to work with all entities involved to develop a mutual, three-phase plan. The district will be most involved with installing upstream practices in the watershed to reduce sediment entering the streams. The district also will work with landowners adjacent to the stream on permits and potentially stream clean out and streamside enhancement.



Two streambanks completely submerged, and state railroad surrounded by water and cutting into rail bed.

Key partners: Washington State Conservation Commission; Washington Department of Ecology; Washington Department of Transportation; Whitman County Commissioners; Whitman County Road Department; Town of Oakesdale; Representative Mary Dye; Union Pacific; Palouse River and Coulee City Railroad; Palouse Conservation District

MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Assist with Oakesdale Flooding and Riparian Enhancement Project.
- ▶ Continue with Direct Seed Project.
- ▶ Improve conservation district efficiency and administrative functions.