



## POMEROY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Other accomplishments:

- ▶ Completing final draft of the Voluntary Stewardship Program planning process and will be submitting the plan by early spring of 2018.
- ▶ Completing a Department of Ecology-funded project to install Beaver Dam Analogs (BDA) and Post-Assisted Log structures (PALS) on the Pataha and Alpowa Creeks. The district has completed the installation of all the monitoring equipment and additional BDA and PALS on Pataha Creek and over 200 PALS on Alpowa Creek.
- ▶ Continuing our effort to provide information and education on the benefits of direct seeding.

### 2017 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

## RECOVERY EFFORT FROM AUGUST 2016 SNAKE RIVER FIRE



Typical terrain where fire burned along the rim of the bluffs. Fencing was completely destroyed.  
Photo by Duane Bartels

### Resource challenge

The Snake River Fire in August 2016 burned almost 5,000 acres of pasture and some standing wheat in Garfield County. Seven landowners lost approximately eight miles of fence. The terrain of the fire was located on steep rocky slopes. The timing of the available cost-share and the availability of contractors was the main challenge in getting the fence rebuilt.

### Project summary and results

The Pomeroy Conservation District secured funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission's Fire Recovery Program. We took signups for cost-share from six ranchers and were able to provide funding within the required timeline for three. The district worked with the local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to make sure that there was enough funding available from the fire recovery funds, and also the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), which was administered through FSA. The Fire Recovery Program enabled the district to provide \$64,000 to replace and repair 6.4 miles of fence. The ECP program has a later deadline and will provide funding to complete the fence.



Completed fence along Wawawai grade. Photo by Lance Fredrick

**Key partners:** USDA Farm Service Agency; Washington State Conservation Commission

### MORE WORK TO DO

- ▶ Complete the Voluntary Stewardship Program work plan for Garfield County by June of 2018.
- ▶ Continue to enroll and re-enroll additional project sites located on eligible streams in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- ▶ Continue with a cost-share and education program to assist farmers in converting more acreage to a direct seed practice to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.