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Dear colleagues and collaborators,

Underwood Conservation District is happy to extend an invitation to a **District Tour and Interactive Dinner on Wednesday, July 19, 2017**. We will begin with a short presentation at **Skamania Lodge** in Stevenson, Washington, in the **Hood Conference Room, at 12:30 pm**. We will load the tour buses promptly at 1:00 pm. Please wear good walking shoes. The purpose of the tour is to share a cross-section of our work and stimulate discussion of current issues, successes and challenges.

Here are the tour highlights:

- Brief **virtual tour of Underwood Conservation District** to provide an overview of the variety of natural resource concerns in our district and to preview our tour route.
- Driving tour of **multiple Firewise forest treatments** in the small community of Mill A. This will give us the opportunity to compare and contrast forest stands in the Wildland Urban Interface and their wildfire vulnerability and discuss opportunities for conservation districts to continue this important work.
- Visit a **White Oak release and thinning project** at the home of UCD Board Supervisor, Paul Newell, with his wife Sally.
- View the **former reservoir behind Condit Dam**, which was removed from the White Salmon River in 2012. This site (which includes restrooms!) shows how vegetation is taking hold and the Wild & Scenic River is now free-flowing for fish and recreational uses. The recolonization of salmon and steelhead in the White Salmon River drives several of UCD's stream restoration projects.
- Visit the **White Salmon Irrigation District's diversion from Buck Creek**, a developing Irrigation Efficiencies Project aimed at providing fish passage, a fish screen, and more water for fish in Buck Creek.
- View the **Mill Creek culvert replacement project**, which was constructed in 2016 to provide fish passage to over 4 miles of upstream habitat for salmon and steelhead re-entering the White Salmon River and Mill Creek, post-removal of Condit Dam.
- **Dinner and a no-host bar will be at the beautiful AniChe Cellars Winery** (71 Little Buck Creek Rd, Underwood; see next page for dinner menu). We will be outside for the evening, so bring a sweater, and be prepared to take in the stunning view of the Columbia Gorge.

We will travel directly to dinner from the tour, before returning to Skamania Lodge. If you cannot join us for the tour, you can still meet us for dinner at 6:00pm. If you cannot stay for dinner, please indicate that on your RSVP so that we can plan for transportation back to Skamania Lodge.

Dinner cost is \$29 per person and can be paid at time of dinner or mailed in advance to Underwood Conservation District (PO Box 96, White Salmon, WA 98672). Exact cash is preferred, or a check is acceptable, made payable to Underwood Conservation District.

If you would like to attend the tour and/or dinner, please [RSVP](https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2396956-5w8z5tM1mS) to Lori Gonzalez at the Conservation Commission **no later than July 11** by clicking this link: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?2396956-5w8z5tM1mS>



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Interactive Dinner Menu for July 19th

Please choose either salmon or chicken when you [RSVP](#)

Locally Sourced Cedar Grilled Salmon
with Huckleberry Compote

or

Grilled Chicken
marinated in yogurt, turmeric and herbs

Green Salad with Local Vegetables

Grilled Vegetables
(Zucchini, Onion, Mushrooms, Squash)

Dinner Rolls

\$29/person

Included:

Moroccan Mint Tea (non alc)

Service of bar & meal

Gratuity

Alcohol Available for Individual Purchase

*AniChe
cellars*