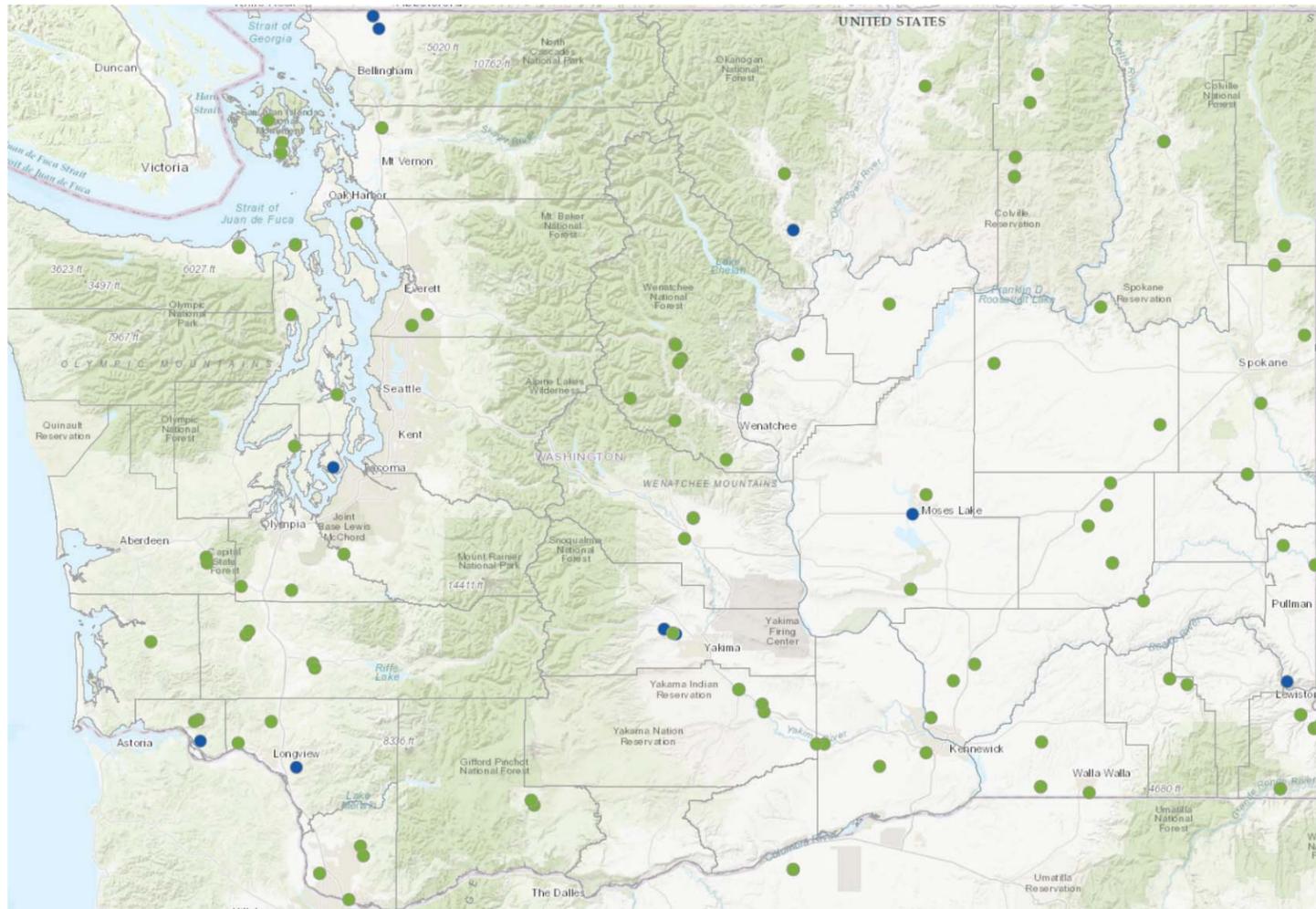


NATURAL RESOURCE INVESTMENTS

FUNDS EXPENDED (FY17)
\$4,474,381

Conservation districts use Natural Resource Investments funding from the Washington State Conservation Commission to offer local cost-share programs as an incentive for landowners to install best management practices (BMPs). BMPs advance progress toward resource objectives, such as improved water quality and habitat, and are farm-friendly.



LEGEND

-  Conservation District Boundaries
-  FY17 BMPs
-  FY16 BMPs

IN THEIR OWN WORDS – EXPERIENCE WITH NATURAL RESOURCE INVESTMENTS:

“Protecting the resource is important to me for future generations. If I don’t fish that stream another day in my life, that’s no big deal. But to know that the next generations are going to be able to — my kids, the landlord’s grandkids — they can come fish. They’ll be able to hunt there. It’s a spot that’s not overrun. It’s close for them, and we know that we’ve done something that’s going to carry on into the future.”

Chris Heitstuman, Whitman County landowner and Palouse Conservation District board member

EXAMPLES OF BMPs FUNDED BY NATURAL RESOURCE INVESTMENTS



Livestock feeding pads. Installation of stable, non-eroding surfaces protects the feeding area from erosion and aids in manure collection. This helps protect water and air quality.



Streambank stabilization. Installation of wood structures and fencing along streams reduces sediment, prevents cattle traffic, and results in improved water quality.



Sprinkler conversion projects. Converting flood irrigation systems to efficient sprinklers helps reduce water usage and soil erosion, which improves downstream water conditions.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

155
best management practices installed

1,989
acres of land and habitat improved

6,648
trees and shrubs planted

3,707
feet of stream and shoreline protected or improved

3,283
feet of livestock fencing installed

164
instream wood structures installed

MORE INFORMATION

- ▶ Contact: Ray Ledgerwood, rledgerwood@scc.wa.gov, 208-301-4728
- ▶ Watch a video showing how North Yakima Conservation District works with land managers to install BMPs that benefit native fish and local ranching operations: vimeo.com/205969388