



South Douglas Conservation District

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Other Accomplishments



Rebuilt fencing at Trusting Spirit Horse Rescue, Orondo (cost share project).



Chipping event to reduce wildfire fuels, funded by Bureau of Land Management.



Wildfire fuels reduction project in East Wenatchee.

2018 FEATURE ACCOMPLISHMENT

On-site Water Improves Ranch Operation and Reduces Fire Risk

Resource Challenge

Lack of on-site water for cattle was presenting a challenge for a local rancher and limiting potential pasture use. The rancher pastures his cattle several miles from home, which required him to truck water to the location. Impacts of trucking across this dry ground increased the risk of sparking a wildfire. A permanent source of water at the pasture would ensure that water was available for the cattle at all times and reduce this potential wildfire risk.

Project Summary and Results

Using grant funding from the State Conservation Commission, South Douglas Conservation District provided cost share for the rancher to outfit an existing well with a new pump and lay pipe to connect it to a trough. By improving the facility, the rancher saves fuel and time by no longer hauling water, and the cattle have a consistent water source. The potential fire hazard of driving a truck over dry grass in late summer and fall also has been minimized.

Key Partners

Washington State Conservation Commission



Livestock water facility with concrete pad.

Priorities for 2019...

- ▶ Promote Firewise and fire prevention in Douglas County.
- ▶ Support rural and urban landowners by offering cost share projects and technical support.
- ▶ Provide conservation education and outreach programs for all citizens.