



# Conservation District Photo Contest: Rules, Terms and Conditions

## Rules

### Timeline

The photo contest is open for year-round submissions. Judging for the Annual Conservation District Photo Contest will begin on the third Monday in September. Any photos submitted after the date will be part of the following year's contest.

### Eligibility

Must be a conservation district employee, supervisor, or associate supervisor in Washington State.

### Requirements

- Photos must be taken in Washington State
- Photos cannot have been previously submitted to the contest.
- Photos with excessive filters and effects will be disqualified.
- Photos should not include items that endorse specific companies or products (e.g. product logo or label).
- Photos must be relevant to conservation and/or agriculture and should not depict potential resource concerns.
- If a photo is deemed inappropriate or not applicable, the photo will be disqualified.
- No panoramic photos.

### Format & Quality

High-resolution, JPEG photos only. No HEIC photos will be accepted. Android and Windows phone cameras should default to JPEG, but iPhone users may need to adjust their settings.

- To convert photos from HEIC to JPEG follow this tutorial.
- To change an iPhone camera setting from HEIC to JPEG prior to taking photos, follow these steps: Settings > Camera > Formats> Most Compatible.

Please note that blurry photos will be eliminated from the running.

### Submission Limit

A maximum of 10 photos may be submitted per person. Photos submitted as part of a mini-competition do not count towards your 10 photo limit.



## **Judging**

In September, a judging panel comprised of CPO committee members will select a top photo from each contest category, including "Before & After", for a total of 12 photos.

These photos will advance to the finals. In early October, the judging panel will email a survey with the 12 finalists to all CDs who will have an opportunity to vote to determine the top three winning photos overall.

## **Winners**

Photographers of the top three (3) entries overall will each receive a scholarship to the Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Conference. NOTE: Limit one top prize/WADE scholarship per photographer — if a photographer has more than one photo ranked in the top three they will receive one scholarship. The photographer with the next highest-ranking photo will receive the next top prize/scholarship.

The three winning photos/photographers will be announced and shared with our conservation community during the annual Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Annual Meeting.

The top 12 photos will be:

- Featured in the Photo Contest calendar distributed to all CDs.
- Featured in an SCC web post announcing the results.
- Featured in a "Photo of the Week" campaign on SCC's social media channels.

## **Contest Sponsor**

The Annual Conservation District Photo Contest is brought to you by the SCC Communications, Partnership, and Outreach (CPO) Committee— a group of CD staff/supervisors and WACD and SCC staff working to create and share resources that make it easier for all districts to tell their story and promote their services.

For questions about the contest and rules, contact Toyo Garber via email at [tgarter@scc.wa.gov](mailto:tgarter@scc.wa.gov).

Have fun taking photos— we look forward to seeing your entries!

## **Terms and Conditions**

Grant the Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) and conservation districts (CDs) in Washington a royalty-free license to remix, tweak, and build upon your work non-commercially. Assert the photo is your original work, does not violate the copyright or any other personal or property right of any third party, and you have obtained any and all releases and permissions necessary for our intended use.



Warrant that you are the parent or legal guardian or have obtained permission from the parent or legal guardian of any minors identifiable in the photograph.

New works produced from your photo may acknowledge you and will be non-commercial, but they don't have to license their derivative works on the same terms. Users will be asked not to distort the original image.

Photos may not be used to infer or imply SCC endorsement of any product, company, or position.

As appropriate, users will be asked but not required to credit photos as follows: Photo by (photographer's name / Conservation District name).