



Working Together for Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience

The Washington State Conservation Commission (SCC) and conservation districts (CDs) are critical participants in the “all lands, all hands” approach to land management identified in the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildland Fire Protection 10-Year Strategic Plan and 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan.

DNR and CDs work together to provide landowners with the best possible resources and options for implementing resiliency solutions. CDs offer significant capacity for essential preparedness work with landowners during wildfire season, which is when demand is highest.

SCC’s Forest Health and Community Wildfire Resiliency Program provides funding directly to CDs to ensure a continuity of services, so we don’t fall behind in our combined efforts to ultimately reduce loss of life and property from wildfires.

Roles in Forest Health & Community Wildfire Resiliency

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (CDs) & SCC: Focuses on public and private lands, including forests, shrubsteppe, grasslands, and other landscapes.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR): Focuses primarily on public and private forested lands.



CDs and DNR offer wildfire preparedness services to Washington residents.



High awareness of fire danger = peak public interest.

CDs and DNR provide ongoing wildfire preparedness services & support for landowners.

DNR is also often responsible for wildfire suppression.



CDs and DNR provide post-fire recovery assistance for those impacted by wildfire.

What Districts Do Best

- **Timely capacity:** Public interest and demand for services peak during wildfire season. CDs offer significant and continuous capacity for wildfire preparedness and forest health services.
- **Community engagement:** CDs handle much of the detailed work to involve landowners and homeowners in various programs and projects.
- **Non-regulatory approach:** CDs provide services without imposing regulations, building trust with landowners.
- **On the ground, local initiatives:** CDs emphasize locally driven and customized solutions, ensuring hands-on support tailored to meet local needs.
- **Flexibility:** CDs can adapt quickly to changing circumstances.