

# UNDERWOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishments



### Native plant sales and Wind River nursery

For the first time ever, with several key partners, Underwood Conservation District held a fall Native Plant Sale at the newly established Wind River nursery in 2024. Over 200 people attended. The District also hosted its annual spring Native Plant Sale and TreeFest event in 2025, distributing 14,000 bareroot stems to customers. Underwood Conservation District took this opportunity to celebrate its 85th Anniversary with the community.

*Photo Caption: Board members, Barbara Bailey, Chair, and Valerie Hoy, Vice-Chair, attend the District's TreeFest.*



### Improving hydrology and habitat

Phase two of the Panakanic Meadow restoration project included the installation of 12 new beaver dam analogs and improving past analogs along 2,500 feet of an upper portion of Rattlesnake Creek, a key tributary to the White Salmon River. The project now includes 34 analogs total and helps store water longer in this important headwater stream.

*Photo Caption: Building a beaver dam analog at Panakanic Meadow.*



### Improving dairy nutrient management and water quality

Underwood Conservation District installed a manure solids/liquids separator at a local organic dairy in Trout Lake. This project enables better utilization and storage of manure and improves on-site nutrient management for the operation. This project, along with other work, contributes toward best management, improved water quality, and long-term viability of dairies and other agriculture in the Trout Lake Valley.

*Photo Caption: The screw press for the manure solids/liquids separator at local dairy.*

## Other accomplishments

- Led the process of developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Skamania County. Plan is nearly complete.
- Continued to provide tools to farmers, gardeners and the general public through our Food & Farm Tool Library. We have 103 members and over 200 tools available for use.
- Coordinated a total of seven "Crop Talks" for local farmers to share information and tour each other's operations. In 2025, 95 people have joined us for these monthly events through the growing season.
- Conducted 107 home ignition zone wildfire risk assessments throughout the District.
- Served 130 households through a mobile chipping program, treating approximately 17,400 cubic feet (~32 tons) of woody fuels from the defensible space areas of homes throughout the District.
- Developing a forest health program that is in need of secure funding.
- Installed large wood to enhance habitat along approximately one mile of the Little Wind River (tributary to the Wind River) and approximately 1/4 mile of Rattlesnake Creek (tributary to the White Salmon River).

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