

# CENTRAL KLICKITAT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2024-25 Featured accomplishment



*District crew-implemented fuel break. This project was completed in spring of 2025. A 200 foot wide fuel break was installed on private lands to provide a line of defense in the event of wildfire and reduce risk to power lines, serving a large number of residents in the region. The pre-treatment unhealthy overstocked forest stand condition can be seen in the background.*

### Resource concern

High wildfire risk due to Wildland Urban Interface and forest fuel loads increases the probability of large scale catastrophic wildfires. Compromised forest health is a result of prolonged drought, coupled with dense, overgrown stands. This results in both extremely thick, small diameter forest stands and high mortality of mature, established pine trees due to disease and beetle infestation. Central Klickitat Conservation District is committed to working with the community to create a healthy, resilient landscape for future generations.

### Featured project

The District was able to work with many private landowners, the City of Goldendale and Eastern Klickitat Conservation District to implement fuel breaks and forest thinning projects on over 300 acres and conduct Wildfire Ready Neighbor home assessments. Central Klickitat Conservation District projects improved forest conditions on publicly accessible lands and reduced wildfire risk. The District also informed landowners of wildfire risk mitigation strategies. Additionally, the District worked in close partnership with Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards and Eastern Klickitat Conservation District, sharing staff and resources to conduct as much forest health work as possible with the available time and funding.

### Costs & partners

Forest Health funding allocated by the Washington State Legislature to conservation districts enabled Central Klickitat Conservation District to develop a forest health program to implement forest health projects. The District's forest health program was also funded by our partner, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and by funds for fire recovery actions from the Washington State Legislature.

## Other accomplishments



Managed two existing conservation easements and made significant progress on establishing another for a total of 6,028 easement acres. The District partnered with the State Conservation Commission to apply for and have four additional conservation easements funded.



Successfully held a plant sale in March. Over 4,000 plants were distributed to be planted throughout the county.



Assisted Benton Conservation District with the construction of a beaver dam analogue project to improve water quality and instream habitat.

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