EASTERN KLICKITAT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024-25 Featured accomplishments

Typical post fire control line through range ground in Eastern Klickitat County. The most likely vegetation to re-establish these soils are invasive annual grasses and weeds. Eastern Klickitat Conservation District used native seed mixes to promote the establishment of species that will improve habitat.

Fuel breaks

Eastern Klickitat Conservation District started a new Forest Health and Community Wildfire Preparedness program which implemented forest health projects with private landowners, contributing to an increasing network of fuel breaks across Klickitat County. Fuel breaks reduce the rate of wildfire spread and allow access for emergency responders is crucial for the health and safety of the County.

Grazing management

The District worked with two ranchers to utilize virtual fencing for grazing management. Removing the need to build traditional fences, this low impact, adaptable fencing system allows for adaptive livestock management so that grazing can be increasingly utilized as a conservation tool. The reduced need for traditional wire fences also aids in the ease of wildlife migration.

Wildland Urban Interface residents educate neighbors

The District seeded over 7.5 miles of fire control lines that were created to combat wildfires. Native grasses and forbs were used to establish healthy, native plant communities before invasive species have a chance to establish on disturbed soils. These lines were mapped so that success can be monitored and used to inform future reseeding efforts.

Other accomplishments

Completed a phase one design for fish passage past railroad and highway embankments to provide fish passage to an entire watershed.

Promoted and constructed some of the first wildlife friendly fences in the region.

Promoted engagement of multiple agencies in fire recovery after two large wildfires.

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