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# Update for WSCC

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# Staffing Update

## 2021 hiring actions

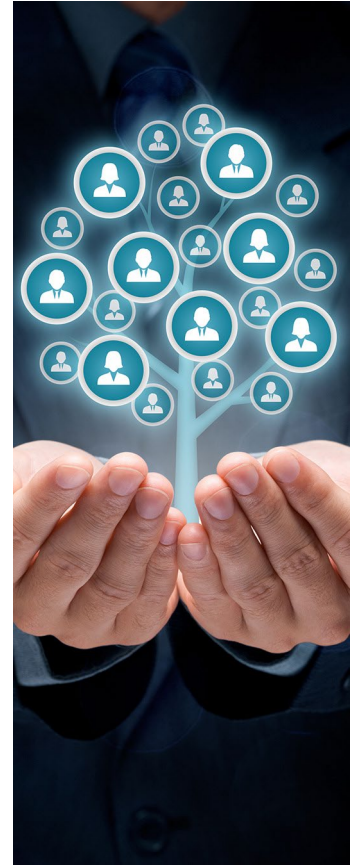
| Direct hires: 15

| New Hires: 8

## Future Hiring Actions

| Proposed new positions: 95

| FY22/23 Direct Hire Requests: 41 *(awaiting N#2 approval)*



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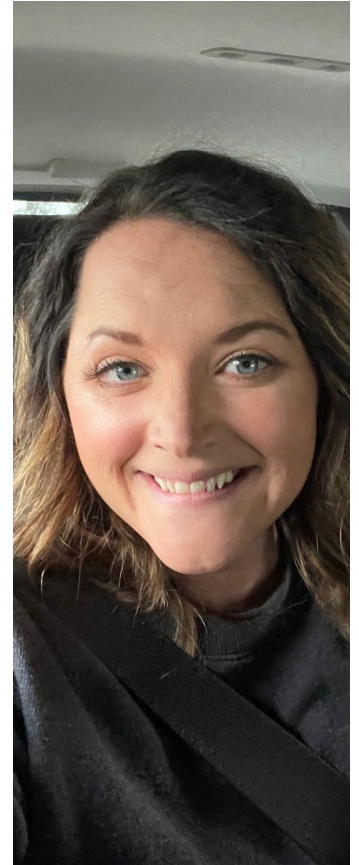
# New East Area Conservationist

Aubrey Hoxie

| Started Jan. 3

| From NRCS-Idaho

| Been with NRCS for 12+ years



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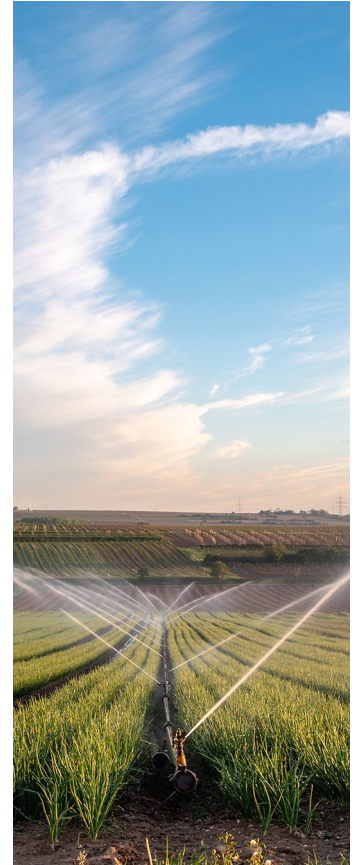
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# New Programs

- | **WaterSmart** (Projects funded for Big Bend & North Central Teams)
- | **Preliminary Investigations for Funding** (4x PL-566)
- | **Urban Conservation** (New hire)
- | **Climate Farming**
- | **EQIP-CIC**



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# New Opportunities

| CSP

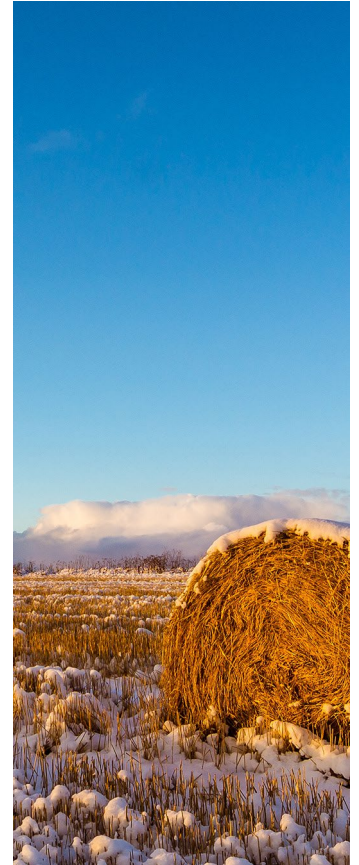
| EQIP Fund Pools

| Conservation practices

| Impaired Watersheds

| State and Local Initiatives

| Local Working Groups



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# EQIP Update

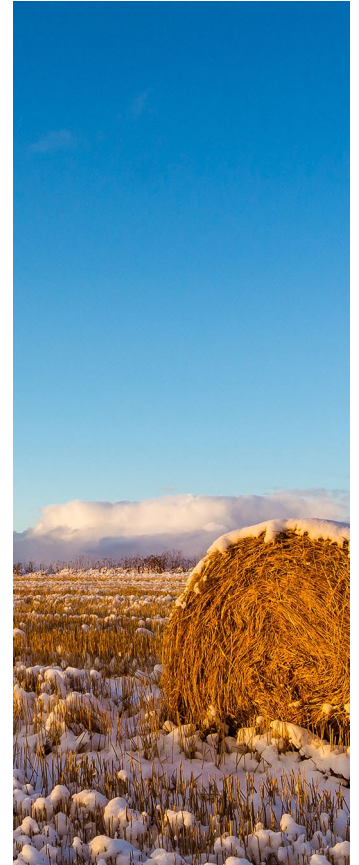
| Total EQIP Applications: 685

| Current Year Submitted Applications: 179

| Past Years Promoted Applications: 503

| Applications Actioned (Not Obligated): 0

*(Current as of Jan. 19, 2022)*



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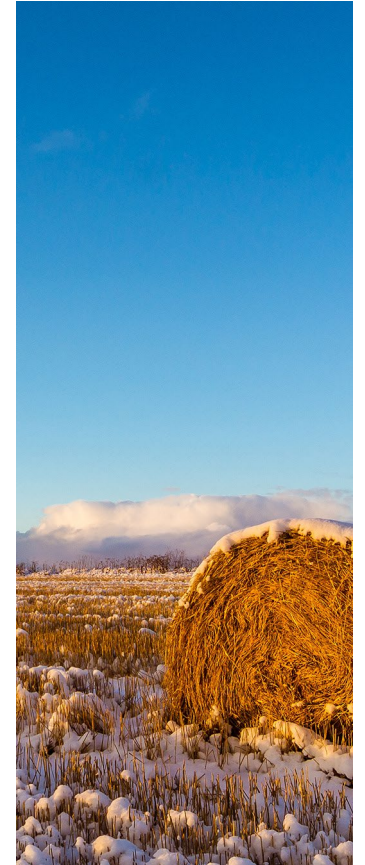


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# CSP Update

- | Total CSP Applications: 141 *(58 new)*
- | Current Year Submitted Applications: 58
- | Past Years Promoted Applications: 83
- | Applications Obligated by Contracts: 29
- | Applications Actioned: 0

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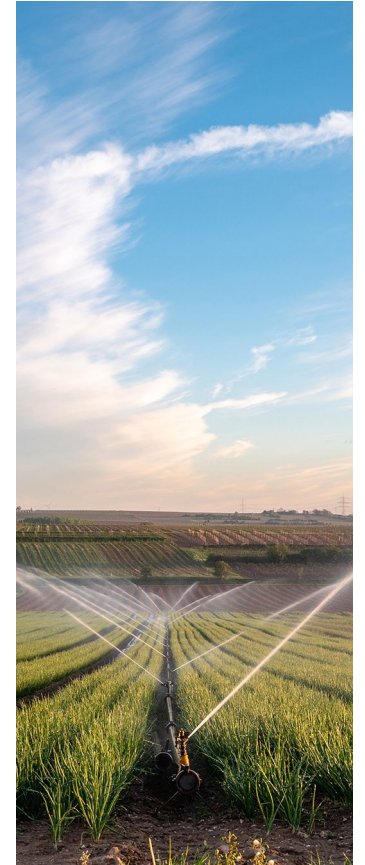
# WaterSmart Program

NRCS assists private landowners with implementation of irrigation conservation practices that improve watering efficiency.

## Project areas:

- | Whitestone Reclamation District
- | Kittitas Reclamation District

*Application Cutoff is Jan. 24, 2022*



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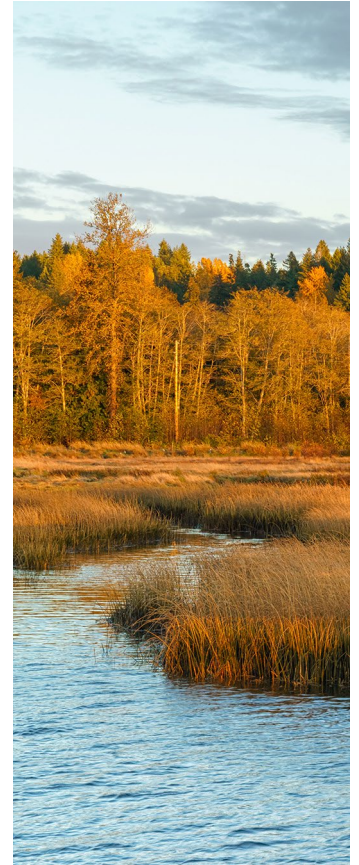
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# National Water Quality Initiative

NWQI helps producers improve water quality and aquatic habitats in impaired streams, by implementing practices to control and trap nutrient and manure runoff.

## Project areas

- | Nooksack River Watershed
- | Union Flats Creek Watershed



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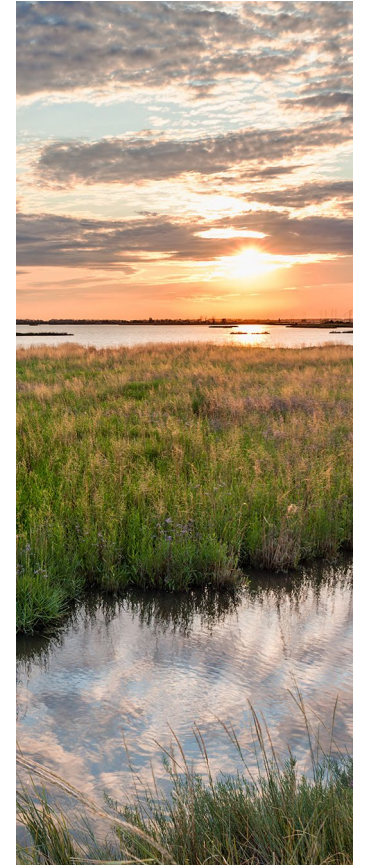
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# PL-566 (Watersheds)

The PL-566 program helps local organizations and units of government plan and implement locally-led watershed projects, to solve natural and human resource problems.

## Project Requests

- | East Columbia Basin Irrigation District
- | Clallam County
- | City of College Place
- | Chelan County



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# Program Deadlines

January 24, 2022 *is an important day!*

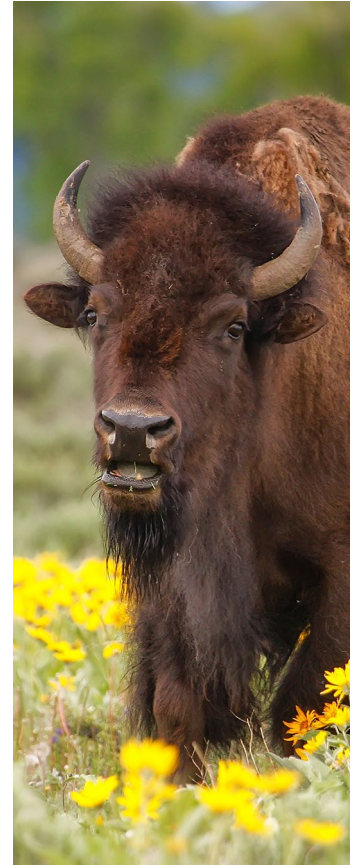
| Deadline to apply for four programs:

| EQIP - Conservation Incentive Contracts

| EQIP – Urban Agriculture

| EQIP – Sentinel Lands

| EQIP - WaterSmart



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