

Washington State



Report to Commissioners

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Regional Manager Team



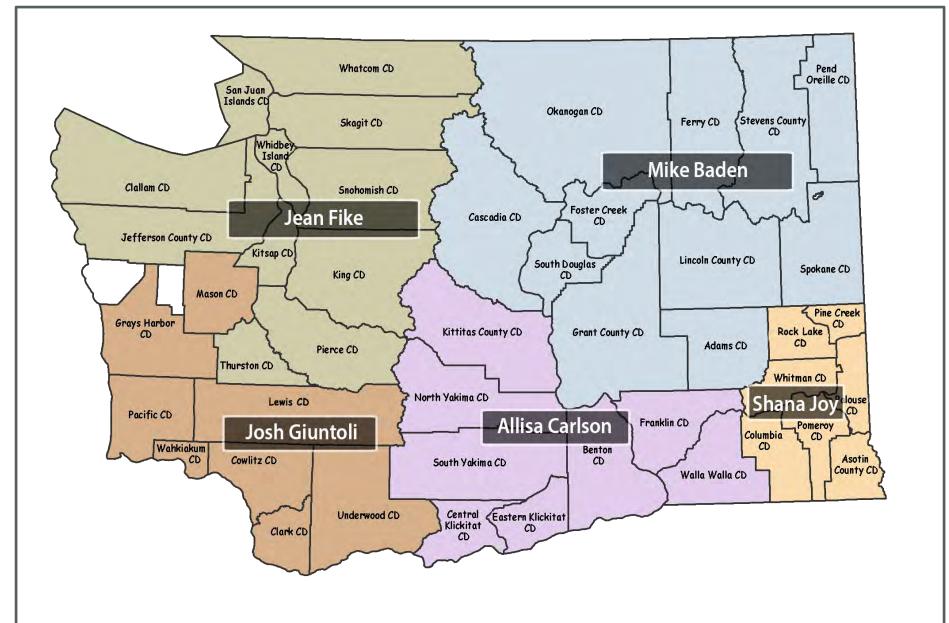






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Regional Manager Coverage



Ongoing RM Activities

- Communication & partner liaisons
- Advise/assist all aspects of district operations
- Problem solving
- SCC funds oversight and grants administration for several programs
- District Digest a wealth of information and resources
- Partnerships & relationships –So many! Both ongoing and ad hoc
- Elections has been added to the RM plate this year which means
 - Training
 - Answering questions
 - Referring folks to resources and examples
 - EF-1's nearly all submitted
 - One unusual elections wrinkle this year to mention – stay tuned for that



Washington Shrubsteppe Restoration and Resiliency Initiative

Timeline Summary



Sept 2020 fires.

Partners mobilize to respond, identify gaps, needs.

Proviso July 2021.

Sep 2020 – Jun 2021



Collaborative structure convened

Near-term actions refined.

Restoration capacity enhanced

1st project solicitation

Jul 2021 -Jan 2022



Long-term strategy initiated.

Facilitator contracted.

Vision, threats, goals, objectives drafted

Jan - Oct 2022



Spatial priority work initiated

Defining actions to achieve goals

Oct 2022 –

Feb 2023

2nd project solicitation



Defining actions

WSRRI governance

Spatial priorities

Advisor review and input

Feb - Nov 2023



Final draft review

Public comment

Revision

30-yr Strategy to legislature

Nov 2023 – Mar 2024

Proviso Components

- Implement actions to restore from fire impact: species recovery, habitat restoration capacity, deferred grazing, wildlife friendly fence
- Develop long-term plan: spatial priorities, habitat and species recovery, fire response and preparation, any other threats

Collaboration

- DFW, DNR, SCC
- Advisory groups
- Subject matter experts

Species recovery, habitat restoration, deferred grazing, wildlife friendly fence projects underway throughout

30-yr Shrubsteppe Conservation Strategy

- Modeled after WAFWA Conservation Design Defend the Core, Grow the Core, Connect the Core
- Key strategies to achieve goals and objectives
- Iterative; will include shorter-term workplan

Proposed Governance

- · Maintain a collaborative structure
- Enhance structural capacity
- Leverage additional funding sources



Coming Attractions

Zoning for District Elections

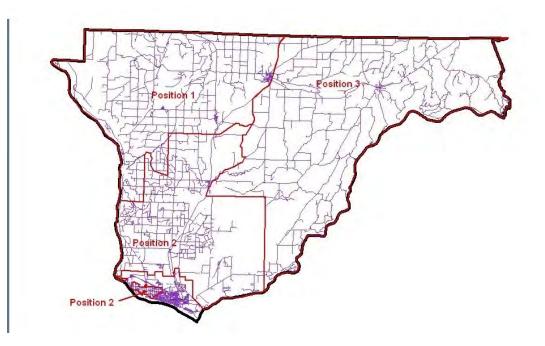
King Conservation District is proposing to designate 3 zones for election purposes

Instead of all three elected Supervisors running district-wide, they would each run in a zone

They are working with a firm that does this kind of zoning for cities and counties with - lots of analysis and public input

When complete, it will come to the SCC for approval – likely in July

Franklin County CD Zones



Disaster Assistance Program (DAP) Activation

- 1/16/24 the Executive Committee activated DAP for Snohomish CD
- The flooding event December 5-6 caused widespread damage to agricultural operations
- We will be supporting the District with outreach materials and some TA
- An advisory committee will form to vet requests

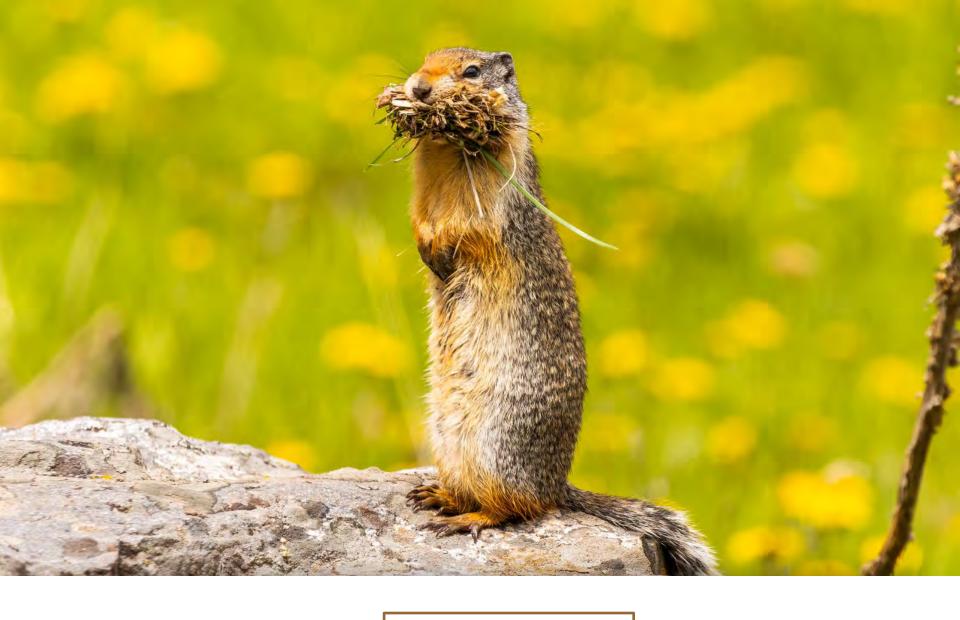












Questions?



Thank you!

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