

Toats Coulee Badger
Credit: Airan Mendoza



 Okanogan
Conservation
District

2025 Calendar

Looking Forward
Credit: Craig Nelson



Okanogan Conservation District

Cooperative Conservation Since 1940

Habitat Improvements

Water Resources

Agriculture Assistance

Forest Health & Wildfire

Youth Education



Pollinator & native plantings
Ecosystem health

Stream health & restoration
Water quality & conservation

Grazing management
Irrigation efficiencies

Home risk assessments
Resiliency & recovery efforts

PreK-12 science lessons
Outdoor field exploration

Okanogan Conservation District Celebrates 85 Years of Conservation this year!

Conservation districts were formed as a direct result of the 1930s Dust Bowl that ravaged much of the Midwest. Each state and territory in the United States has a conservation-oriented district that largely provides services in the same manner as ours do here in Washington State. That is to say, nearly 3,000 conservation districts exist across our country and provide services almost exclusively in a voluntary manner, to cooperatively engage and offer support to landowners and land managers.

It's collaborative relationships which are the foundation of conservation district work and ultimately any success that can be attributed to us. This year marks the Okanogan Conservation District's 85th anniversary, and we chose to highlight our voluntary work with residents and partners as a focus of our celebration. Without each of these residents, landowners, land managers, and partners, we would not have any successes to celebrate and cherish.

We hope you enjoy this year's calendar and the special emphasis on 'people at work' highlighting those who make voluntary conservation a success! Thank you for your efforts to conserve natural resources for today and tomorrow, we look forward to another amazing year!



Pictured (left to right): Aaron Wold, Rosalie Powell, Brant Smith, Taylor George, Dylan Streeter, Chevelle Yeckel, Eli Loftis, Emily Bustamante, Jordana Ellis, Kim Kogler, Craig Nelson, Terri Williams, Natalie Torres, Emmy Engle.
(Not pictured: Becky Drenner and Jack Owen)

Palmer Lake, Loomis, WA
Credit: Signe Hagerup



January 2025

How will you achieve your conservation goals this year?

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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25
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Staff and Cooperator
Credit: Eli Loftis

The Okanogan Conservation District is here to help you reach your conservation goals. We engage with over 100 local, state, and federal partners to offer services and resources to our community. Our service area consists of the unincorporated areas of Okanogan County and cities and towns that are annexed into the district boundary. Contact us today to request technical advice, invite us to a site visit, share project plans or ideas, or learn more about opportunities at the District!

Green Trees Toats Coulee
Credit: Airan Mendoza



February 2025

Are you eligible for district services? Annex into the district!

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Community Meeting
Credit: Craig Nelson

If you reside outside of city limits in the unincorporated areas of Okanogan County, on the Colville Reservation, and in the cities and towns of Coulee Dam, Elmer City, Winthrop, Omak, Okanogan, or Conconully then you are in the District's boundary, and eligible to take part in programs and receive services. If you are in a city or town not yet annexed in, you can discuss annexation with your local city or town council and contact us to learn more on our website.

Goats on the Farm
are a Must!
Credit: Airan Mendoza



March 2025

Visit our website for important reminders on the District Election!

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9 Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)	10	11 Okanogan CD District Elections 2pm	12	13	14 Solar Appreciation Day	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 International Day of Forests	22 World Water Day
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Staff in the Field-Site Visit
Credit: Chevelle Yeckel

Okanogan CD is led by our Board of Supervisors who determine the policy and direction for the district. The board is made up of three elected members, two members appointed by the (WSCC) Washington State Conservation Commission, as well as four associate supervisors. Board members are also local landowners and agriculture producers who volunteer their time to serve on the board and meet often. Monthly meeting info is on our website.

Sawtooth Mountain
Credit: Amber Kauffman



April 2025

It's Education Month! See what's upcoming on our Events page.

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Tonasket School Garden
Credit: Emily Bustamante

We offer a variety of PreK-12 youth education opportunities to local educators and groups, available upon request and free of charge. Students can learn more about natural resources unique to Okanogan County through science lesson plans, in-field exploration days, and more! We also support our County's eight school gardens with curriculum and teacher trainings.

Programs are available year-round. Visit our website and YouTube channel to learn more. Contact us to request materials!

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Moose on the Loose
Credit: Airan Mendoza



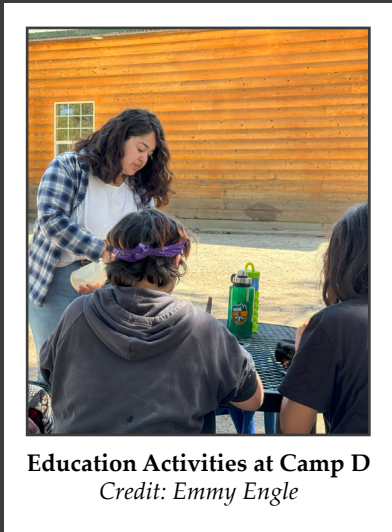
May 2025

It's National Wildfire Awareness Month!

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4 International Compost Awareness Week	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7 Okanogan CD Conservation Celebration!	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16 National Endangered Species Day	17
18	19	20 World Bee Day	21	22	23 World Turtle Day	24
25	26 Memorial Day District Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31



Education Activities at Camp D
Credit: Emmy Engle

Okanogan CD staff frequently attend community events and have a tabling booth. Find us and we can answer questions, discuss and offer suggestions to natural resource concerns, connect you with available programs, services, partners, funding, and other resources. Our program areas offer a variety of services to assist landowners and agricultural users with water resources, wildfire resiliency & recovery, ecosystem health and habitat restoration, and PreK-12 youth education. Learn more at >>>

Oroville, WA
Humming Bird
Credit: Airan Mendoza



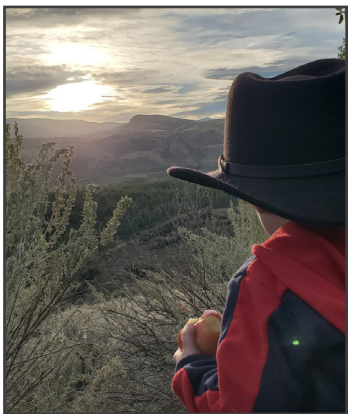
June 2025

Celebrating 85 years of voluntary conservation!

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8 Global Wind Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth District Office Closed	20 First Day of Summer	21
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Tonasket, WA
Credit: Becky Weaver

Did you know that there are over 200,000 species of animals, birds, & insects that we consider pollinators on earth?! Over 600 of them call Washington State home and come in many shapes and sizes! From the tiniest sweat bee to the biggest of Bumble Bees, pollinators provide for over 75% of flowering plants. Without pollinators, 30% of our food supply would be impacted. This means 1/3 bites of food is thanks to our pollinators.

Fresh from the Tree
Credit: Airan Mendoza



July 2025

It's the start of our fiscal year, learn about available funding for projects.

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	World Nature Conservation Day					



VSP Field Tour
Credit: Craig Nelson

Have you heard of VSP? This is the Voluntary Stewardship Program, focused on assisting local agricultural users and producers with conservation projects that protect critical areas and enhance operations. VSP supports the viability of local agriculture and keeps actions voluntary for users in Okanogan County. If you are an ag user, participate in VSP by completing an annual checklist, learn more about eligible projects, and available funding through cost-share! Located on our VSP webpage.

Silhouettes & Sandhills
Credit: Eli Loftis



August 2025

Visit our website for wildfire resiliency and recovery resources.

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Potential Watering Facility
Credit: Chevelle Yeckel

Okanogan CD staff perform site visits to discuss specific conservation concerns you face on your property, goals you have for projects, and more. This service extends across all of our programs, including wildfire resiliency and recovery. Contact us to request a FREE home risk assessment. Staff visit your property or community to address wildfire risk and concerns, answer questions, and provide resources for home hardening, small-scale fuels reduction projects, and post-fire & wildfire recovery.

Owl at Aeneas Creek
Credit: Airan Mendoza



September 2025

Stay tuned for upcoming chipping opportunities coming to your area!

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21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26 National American Day	27 National Public Lands Day
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Forest Health Assessment
Credit: Eli Loftis

Our County faces major air quality issues due to various factors such as topography, seasonal weather patterns, wildfires and extreme fire risk, narrow windows for outdoor burning, heavy use of wood stoves for home heating, and more. Okanogan CD works with communities to reduce outdoor burning of debris and yard waste by offering Air Care Events that reduce the amount of smoke released into our air. Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Leaves of Gold Road
Credit: Airan Mendoza



Farmer in Orchard with
Rotary Mower, 1960's

Credit: Okanogan CD



October 2025

Irrigation efficiencies project applications are due this month.

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National Farmer's Day	Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day			Boss's Day		
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Delap Orchard, Field Tour
Credit: Emmy Engle

We offer services to support agriculture viability and assist our local agricultural users and producers. This includes assistance on the range with grazing rotation, farm plans, traditional fencing or virtual fencing, watering facilities, and voluntary stewardship activities. We also assist with efficiency upgrades for water resources such as irrigation, pumps, sprinklers, and other systems. Contact us to start planning for a project, to apply for cost-share, to learn about OK PUD rebates, and more!

Larches in Okanogan-
Wenatchee National Forest
Credit: Rosalie Powell



November 2025

Start planning for your conservation projects to get ready for the spring!

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Chipping Event, Twisp
Credit: Eli Loftis

Are you interested in having a chipping opportunity come to your community, city, or town this spring or fall? Perhaps you are ready to start a conservation project such as a restoration riparian planting, pollinator-friendly planting, installing exclusion-fencing or a new watering facility? Let us know your goals, ideas, and how we can help. District staff are knowledgeable across various natural resource specialties, contact us today!

Lady Aurora
Cameron Lake
Credit: Keiki Stacy Weigle



December 2025

Happy Holidays! Thank you for supporting voluntary conservation!

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21 First Day of Winter	22 Last Day of Hanukkah	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day District Office Closed	26 Kwanzaa (Until Jan. 1)	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Granite Pass
Credit: Elliot Phillips

Working with the Okanogan Conservation District is 100% voluntary. We offer a variety of services to assist you with your conservation projects: technical assistance, site visits, planning support, cost-share funding, and other resources. We are non-regulatory and we support our communities, residents, agricultural users, local producers, and partners in protecting the natural resources and unique beauty of Okanogan County for today and the generations to follow.



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1970 Range Grazing System, Republic
Credit: Okanogan CD

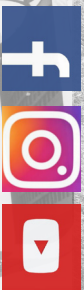


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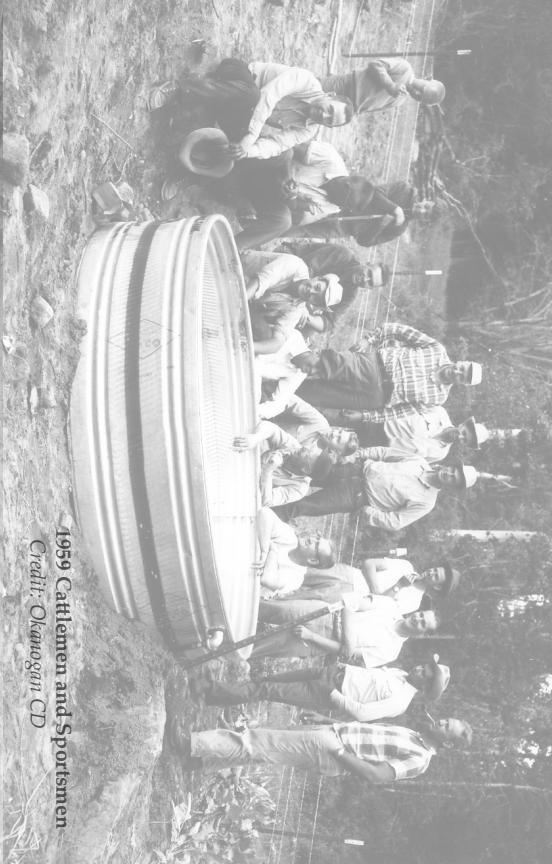
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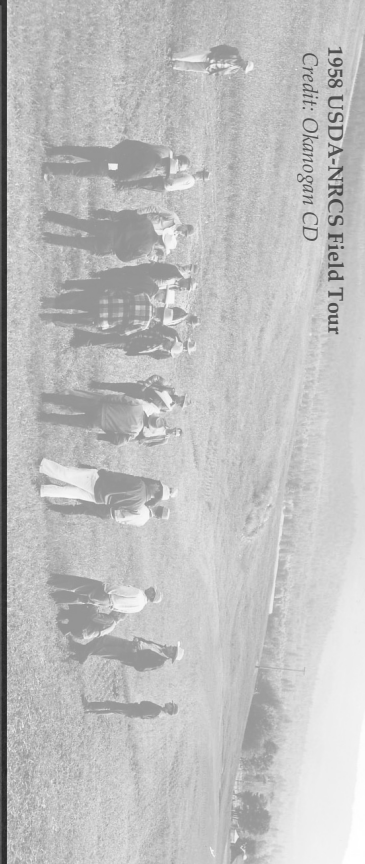
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1970 Fires in Oroville
Credit: Okanogan CD



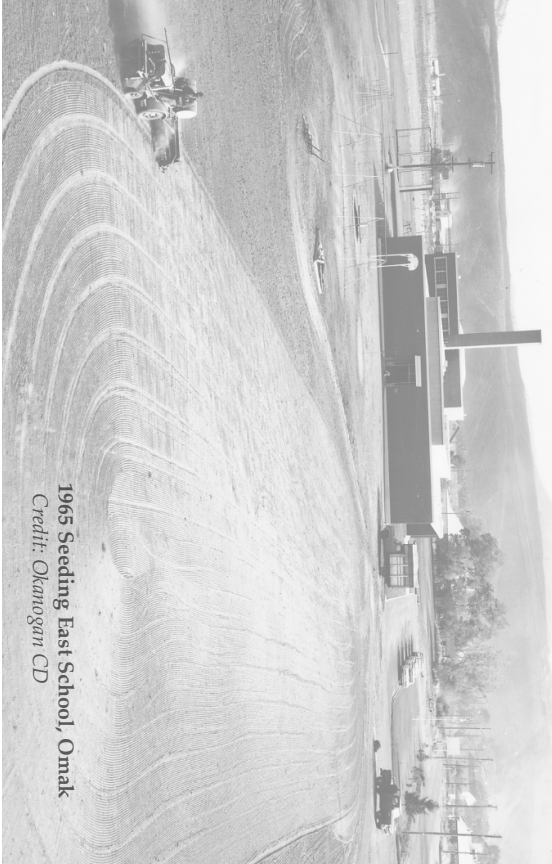
1959 Cattlemen and Sportsmen
Credit: Okanogan CD



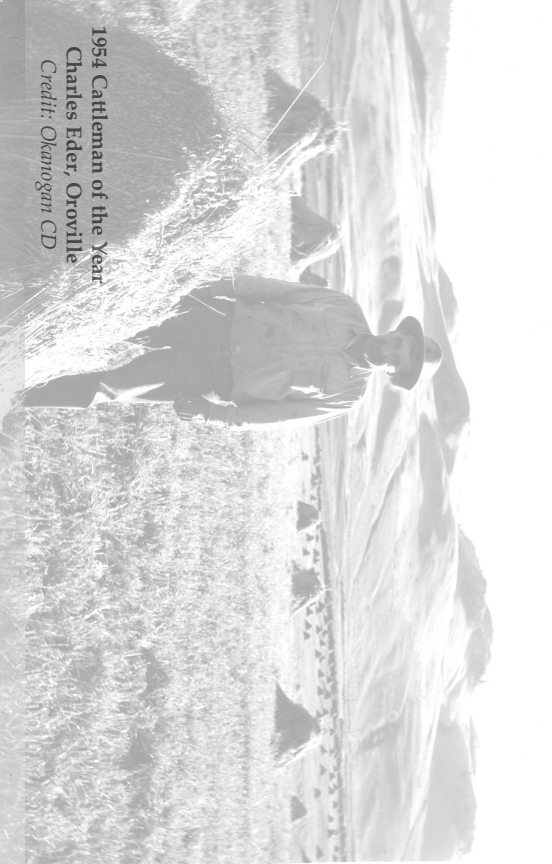
1958 USDA-NRCS Field Tour
Credit: Okanogan CD



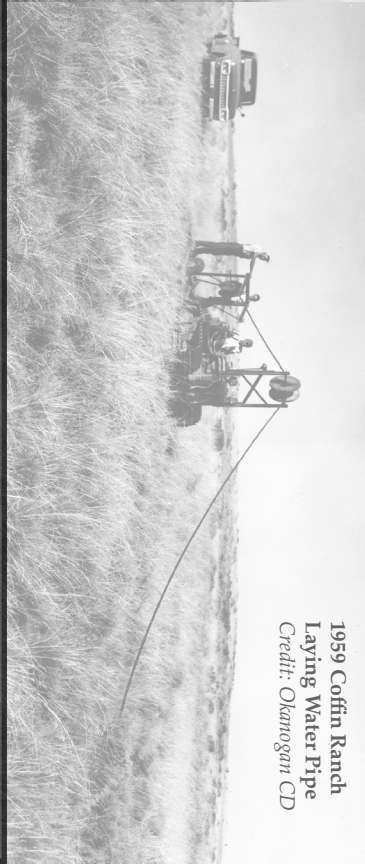
1956 Forest Pruning, Nespelen
Credit: Okanogan CD



1965 Seeding East School, Omak
Credit: Okanogan CD



1954 Cattleman of the Year
Charles Eder, Oroville
Credit: Okanogan CD



1959 Coffin Ranch
Laying Water Pipe
Credit: Okanogan CD



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