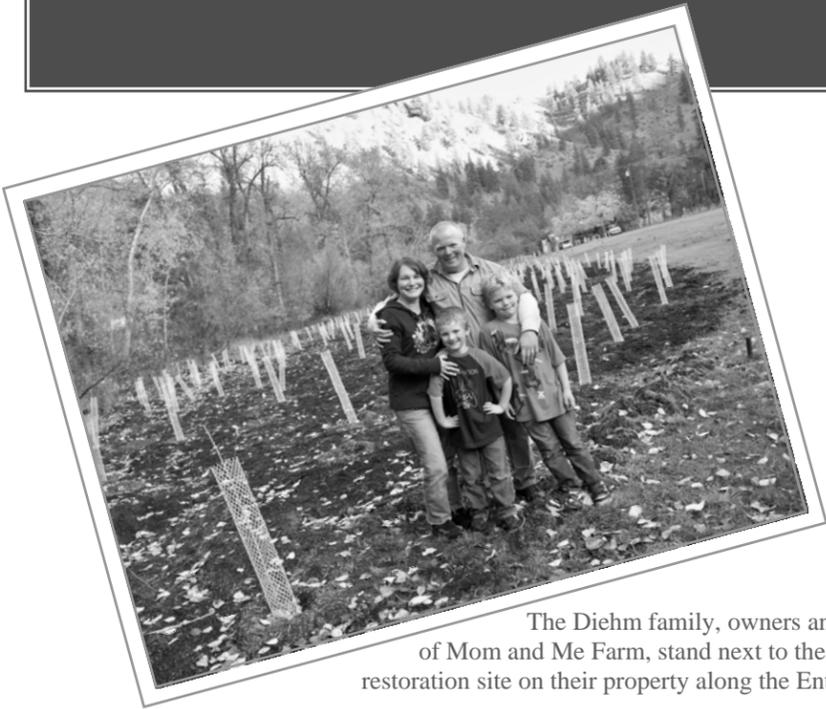


CONSERVATION QUARTERLY

FALL 2010



The Diehm family, owners and operators of Mom and Me Farm, stand next to the riparian restoration site on their property along the Entiat River.

PROTECTING WATER RIGHTS IN THE ENTIAT RIVER VALLEY

INTRODUCING THE ENTIAT WATER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As a conservation district, one of our many goals is to ensure that local landowners throughout Chelan County have the knowledge and assistance they need to effectively and responsibly manage natural resources on their property and in their greater community. In keeping with this mission, District personnel have been working with the Entiat Watershed Planning Unit (EWPU) and representatives from Trout Unlimited to develop the Entiat Water Exchange Program.

If landowners wish to see the Entiat Valley remain a viable agricultural community, water rights need to be kept intact to support that option.

The Exchange Program was established in response to current state laws that mandate if you do not use all or portions of your water right for a period of five successive years and do not have a legally accepted reason for not using the water, your right is subject to relinquishment. Under relinquishment, all or part of your water right can be permanently lost.

Once you are ready to access your right again, or transfer it to another person, you can withdraw it from the Exchange knowing that the right will still have the original priority date and the same quantity of water.

So if, for example, you ever decided to cut back on the amount of acres you irrigate, or you choose to convert from one crop to another and do not continue irrigating at the same rate, you may lose your water right. In addition, any right transferred out of the Entiat watershed is permanently lost, which could have negative effects on current and future landowners who need to irrigate orchards, pastures, and gardens. If landowners wish to see the Entiat Valley remain a viable agricultural community, water rights need to be kept intact to support that option.

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CONSERVATION WITH YOU, THE LANDOWNER, IN MIND

Riparian restoration is the planting of native vegetation along or near the banks of rivers, streams, and other bodies of water. It may also include re-shaping or stabilizing the bank where there are threats of excessive erosion. Riparian habitats are important to our waterways and ecosystems because they prevent erosion, recycle nutrients, filter pollutants, reduce downstream flooding and are home to a variety of fish and wildlife species. Cascadia Conservation District has been working with landowners throughout Chelan County on a variety of riparian restoration projects.

Specifically, the District has been partnering with Entiat River streamside property owners to transform the lower Entiat River into a more fish-friendly

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PROJECT CONNECTS LOCAL COMMUNITY & THE ENVIRONMENT

The Upper Wenatchee Watershed Stewardship Project is a partnership between the Ponderosa Community near Plain, Chelan County Natural Resources Department, Cascadia Conservation District, and Trout Unlimited.

Funding for the project is provided by a grant from the Community Salmon Fund, which is a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the State Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Project goals include promoting education, watershed stewardship, and conservation practices amongst the 450 Ponderosa Community residents living along 1.5 miles of Wenatchee River waterfront.

Doug Pendleton, the chair of the Ponderosa Community Watershed Committee, was instrumental in developing the project. Pendleton, who has a background in environmental education, described how the idea for the project came about. *“Our community wasn’t paying attention to the*

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Doug Pendleton, Chair
Ponderosa Community Watershed Committee

river, which isn’t in line with our mission”, said Pendleton. *“Our mission is to live in harmony with the environment and in order to achieve our mission we needed a plan and guidance, so I reached out to various organizations.”* Pendleton hopes that through participation in education and outreach

efforts, community members will gain a better appreciation for their natural environment and adopt conservation practices that will preserve the area for future generations of community members, visitors, and sportsmen.

Some of these education and outreach efforts are well underway. The District will be hosting a “Families in the Creek” event to encourage residents to explore their watershed and roles as stewards. The Wenatchee River Clean-up will also be expanded to include areas near Plain.

Trout Unlimited will be working with Ponderosa Community members to evaluate water use and to educate residents about how they can conserve water. The goal of this outreach effort is to ensure



Jennifer Goodridge, with the Chelan County Natural Resources Department, assesses the 1.5 miles of shoreline found in the Ponderosa Community as part of the Upper Wenatchee Watershed Stewardship Project. (Photo: Doug Pendleton)

that future development in the area can still be supported by the existing group water system. In addition, Chelan County Natural Resources Department staff members have been working with Ponderosa residents to document the current condition of shoreline habitat.

To learn more about these efforts and the greater Upper Wenatchee Watershed Stewardship Project contact our office at (509) 664-9370 or Jennifer Goodridge with the Chelan County Natural Resources Department at (509) 667-6682.

CONSERVATION

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habitat. So far, over 16,000 linear feet have been restored along the river since fall 2007. During that time, these projects have expanded in complexity and scope due to experience, increased funding, new techniques, and increased landowner participation. None of these projects would be feasible without the support of landowners, work crews, and volunteers who have invested countless hours of hard work.

Aside from improving habitat and the quality of our waterways, these projects are also focused on helping landowners achieve their conservation goals. This fall, Resource Specialists from Cascadia Conservation District have been working with landowners in the Entiat and Wenatchee Watersheds on a variety of restoration projects.

Patrick Diehm, whose family owns and operates Mom and Me Farm, decided to collaborate with the District because they wanted to help wildlife and improve the quality of their land. Diehm described the work and partnership with the District as a win-win saying, *“Restoration projects*

are about enhancement - enhancement for us and wildlife. Landowners should take a closer look at these programs instead of turning them away. They’re a good thing.”



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Patrick Diehm
Owner & Operator of Mom and Me Farm

Cascadia Conservation District at (509) 664-9370 or email through our website at www.cascadiacd.org

The District continues to work with landowners in the Entiat and Wenatchee Watersheds, to restore and enhance these sensitive riparian streamside areas while keeping the landowners’ needs in mind. These projects are available to interested landowners within Chelan County who own streamside property.

You are invited to take this opportunity to contact the District and address any concerns you may have about resource management, especially riparian restoration.

For more information, or to learn how you can become part of the District’s restoration efforts, contact

WATER EXCHANGE

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The Exchange Program provides participants with a means to protect their water right. You can decide how much is reserved and when or if it will be needed in the future. By transferring rights to be held in the Exchange, water remains instream and the right to use it is protected from relinquishment. Once



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you are ready to access your right again, or transfer it to another person, you can withdraw it from the Exchange knowing that the right will still have the original priority date and the same quantity of water.

If you are a water right holder in the Entiat River valley please consider the Entiat Water Exchange. Whether you are thinking about reducing the

amount of water you use to irrigate your land, or you are considering selling your right and transferring it downstream, we can help. There are a number of options for transferring or even selling your right to the Exchange, so that it remains instream and available to you, or future landowners, for use.

To learn more about protecting your water rights or about the Entiat Water Exchange Program contact our office at (509) 664-9370 or Aaron Penvose with Trout Unlimited at (509) 888-0970.



2011 NATIVE PLANT SALE

ALSO OFFERING FREE "NATIVE PLANTING 101" WORKSHOP

Cascadia Conservation District is now accepting orders for our annual native plant sale. This year we will be offering fifteen different plant species suitable for a variety of planting projects.

Our plants are available as bare root stock, meaning they do not come in pots or burlap bags. They are harvested from the field in winter when the plants are dormant and arrive ready to be replanted in your landscape.

We offer our plants in bundles of 10 stems with the exception of the Ponderosa pine, and the upland and riparian mix options. The Ponderosa pine are available in either bundles of 25 stems or bags of 200 stems. The upland or riparian mixes include 5 stems of each of the four associated plant species for a total of 20 stems per mix. An order form is included below. A brochure with color photos and information on each of the plant species we are offering is available by calling our office at (509) 664-9370 or by visiting our website at www.cascadiacd.org.

All orders must be received by February 1, 2011. Plants are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and quantities are limited. A minimum 50% deposit is required to hold your order. Fully prepaid orders are

greatly appreciated. Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit cards at this time.

When completing your order form, please select one of the two available pick-up dates. Plants will be distributed at the Stemilt Growers Warehouse in north Wenatchee. A map to the pick-up site will be sent to you along with your receipt as your selected pick-up date approaches. Please be aware that any unclaimed plants will be considered abandoned and used for conservation projects. There are *no* refunds for plant orders not picked up.

In addition to the plant sale, we are also sponsoring a free workshop titled "Native Planting 101." The workshop will be held on January 15, 2011 from 2-4 pm, in the Chelan County PUD auditorium at 327 North Wenatchee Ave in Wenatchee.

"Native Planting 101" will cover a wide variety of topics including how to prepare your site for planting and planting for success. The workshop will also feature local native plant expert and owner of Derby Canyon Natives, Ted Alway, as a guest speaker. For more information or to RSVP contact our office at (509) 664-9370 or visit our website at www.cascadiacd.org. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Stock Types

1-0 hardwood (1-0)

Grown in seedbed for one year and typically range in size from 8-18". They represent the smallest stock type and therefore the easiest to plant correctly, however, they are more easily choked out by competing vegetation so plan for weed control.

2-0 seedling (2-0)

Grown two years in seedbed and typically range in size from 18-60". They are bigger and better able to compete with surrounding vegetation and withstand light to moderate browsing by wildlife.

plug-1 transplant (P-1)

Grown for one season in greenhouse then transplanted into ground for one season resulting in larger root system. Most survivable and vigorous stock type.

cuttings

Unrooted 36" cuttings, or "live stakes". Very easy to plant, often requiring a tamping bar of some sort to create a hole.

Cascadia Conservation District



2011 Native Plant Sale

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Ordering Instructions

1) Complete order form.

2) Select pick-up day.

March 26
10 am-1 pm

April 9
10 am-1 pm

Plant distribution will take place at the Stemilt Growers Warehouse in north Wenatchee.

A map to the pick-up site will be mailed to you with your receipt.

3) Bring or mail your order form and payment to:

Cascadia Conservation District
215 Melody Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Questions?
(509) 664-9370

Plant	Stock	Size	Sold As	# of Bundles	Price/Bundle	Order
<i>Conifers:</i>						
Ponderosa Pine	P-1		bundle(s) of 25	_____	@ \$30.00 each	= _____
Ponderosa Pine	P-1		bag(s) of 200	_____	@ \$120.00 each	= _____
Douglas Fir	2-0		bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$15.00 each	= _____
<i>Upland Plants: * denotes plants that are also suitable for riparian areas</i>						
Woods Rose	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$14.50 each	= _____
Serviceberry *	1-0	6-12"	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$14.50 each	= _____
Low Oregon Grape	2-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$15.00 each	= _____
Mock Orange*	2-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$15.00 each	= _____
Upland Mix		(5 stems of each of the above)		_____	@ \$29.50 each	= _____
<i>Riparian Plants:</i>						
Pacific Willow	cutting	36"	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$11.00 each	= _____
Quaking Aspen	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Red Osier Dogwood	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Water Birch	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Riparian Mix		(5 stems of each of the above)		_____	@ \$27.50 each	= _____
<i>Other Offerings:</i>						
Oceanspray	2-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Rocky Mt. Maple	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Snowberry	1-0	12" +	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
Kinnikinnick	plug		bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$20.00 each	= _____
Choke Cherry	1-0	12"+	bundle(s) of 10	_____	@ \$13.00 each	= _____
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WE NEED YOU...

...TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS...

The Cascadia Conservation District is self-governed by a Board of Supervisors who work to establish priorities, set policy and direct the work of District staff. Registered voters residing within the Cascadia Conservation District boundary* who are interested in guiding conservation efforts in Chelan County are encouraged to run for office. Board members are unpaid volunteers who serve a three-year term and must be available to attend monthly meetings.

To announce your candidacy...

1. Obtain an information form and nominating petition by calling our office (509) 664-9370 or visiting our website at www.cascadiacd.org.
2. Collect signatures from 25 registered voters in the District.
3. Submit completed information form by December 22, 2010. Include the nominating petition to get your name printed on the ballot.

* The Cascadia Conservation District boundary currently includes all of Chelan County except for the incorporated cities of Wenatchee and Chelan.

...AND TO VOTE!

If you don't have the time to serve on the Board, then make your voice heard by voting for your preferred candidate.

Registered voters residing within the District boundary are eligible to vote. The election will be held during the annual Pear Day conference on January 19, 2011 in the lobby of the Wenatchee Convention Center from 8:30 am to 3 pm.

If you have any questions regarding the election give us a call at (509) 664-9370.

CORRECTION

Despite our best efforts to bring you a quality newsletter, two articles in the Summer 2010 edition were cut off as a result of a layout error. A corrected edition can now be found on our website at www.cascadiacd.org in pdf format. We invite you to take a look to celebrate the success of the 2nd annual Wenatchee River Clean-up and learn more about our Landowner Assistance Program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Cascadia Conservation District November Board Meeting

November 18 from 3:30 pm to 5 pm at 215 Melody Lane in Wenatchee

- Meeting is open to the public. Attendees are asked to check in at the front desk for the meeting room assignment.

Reception for Robert Glennon, noted water expert and author of "Unquenchable: America's Water Crisis and What To Do About It."

November 19. Appetizers & drinks at 6 pm, discussion at 7 pm
Cashmere Riverside Center at 201 Riverside Drive in Cashmere

- You're invited for an evening with noted water expert and author Robert Glennon to discuss water management challenges and sustainable strategies. Hosted by Washington Water Project of Trout Unlimited. For more information or to RSVP contact Jill Wasberg at (509) 881-5464 or jwasberg@tu.org.

Cascadia Conservation District December Board Meeting

December 16 from 3:30 pm to 5 pm at 215 Melody Lane in Wenatchee

- Meeting is open to the public. Attendees are asked to check in at the front desk for the meeting room assignment.

Deadline to submit Annual Board of Supervisors Election Paperwork

December 22 by 5 pm at 215 Melody Lane in Wenatchee

Entiat Watershed Planning Unit Meeting

January 5 at 9 am in the Entiat Grange Hall off 14108 Kinzel St. in Entiat

- Meeting is open to the public. The proposed agenda and minutes from the July 7 meeting will be available on our website at www.cascadiacd.org one week prior to the meeting.

Native Planting 101

January 15 from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Chelan County PUD Auditorium at 327 North Wenatchee Ave in Wenatchee

- This workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including how to prepare your planting site and plant for success. Ted Alway, local native plant expert and owner of Derby Canyon Natives, will be the featured guest speaker. For more information or to RSVP contact our office at (509) 664-9370 or visit our website at www.cascadiacd.org. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

Annual Cascadia Conservation District Board Election

January 19 from 8:30 am to 3 pm in the Wenatchee Convention Center lobby

Cascadia Conservation District January Board Meeting

January 20 from 3:30 pm to 5 pm at 215 Melody Lane in Wenatchee

- Meeting is open to the public. Attendees are asked to check in at the front desk for the meeting room assignment.



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