



GRANT COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



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County Committee Election – Bryan Vogt has been elected to the Grant County Committee and will replace Archie Osburn. **Thank you, Archie** for serving on the committee for the past nine years.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Extended until
March 15, 2007

Agricultural landowners can enroll eligible riparian lands into a 10 to 15-year CREP Contract and receive annual conservation payments, cost-share payments and incentive payments for the riparian restoration practices. CREP is a continuous sign-up program and are not ranked. The most common practices are:

- Riparian Forest Buffer (a mixture of trees and shrubs 35-180 feet)
- Wildlife Habitat Buffer (grasses, shrubs, and forbs 20-180 feet)

Sign-up For New Livestock Program

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Ranchers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs resulting from drought in Grant County throughout the 2007 crop year, may be eligible for payment under the Livestock Compensation Program.

Eligible grazing land includes non-irrigated improved and native grasses, owned or leased on private, State or Federal lands.

Eligible livestock must have been owned or cash-leased and physically located in the county on January 1, 2007. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year.

FSA programs are available to all eligible interested persons. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please contact the office.

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GRANT SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

Grant Weed Control Working for You in 2008 Get a head start on weed control for 2008 with sign-ups now for bare ground soil residual work beginning in March when the weather breaks. Thanks to the Grant County Court and Title II funds, Grant Weed Control is able to offer noxious weed control through two programs. Noxious Weed control in Private Forestlands and Noxious Weed Control on grazing lands. These programs are free to qualified landowners. Watch for sign-up information coming in the Blue Mountain Eagle in March. For the Ag producers, Wilbur Ellis Co. has given Grant Weed Control an all hydraulic 50 foot pull sprayer to rent for field spraying, capable of covering 30 acres an hour.

Be informed about weed control projects in your area, be a good neighbor and control your noxious weeds, for noxious weed and program information call your local cooperator.

Grant Weed Control 575-1554

Monument SWCD 934-2141

North Fork Watershed Council 421-3018

The Grant Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is currently working with Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation, The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to provide technical and funding assistance to landowners wishing to improve riparian and fish habitat along stream corridors. This assistance can be directed to projects which establish or improve fish passage at irrigation diversions and culverts, improve the quality of irrigation water return flows, or enhance riparian and fish habitat.

The District is also the Local Management Agency designated by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to implement the strategies of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan and adopted Area Rules. A landowner or operator's responsibility under the Area Plan is to implement measures that prevent or control the sources of water pollution associated with agricultural and rural lands and activities. The District can assist landowners in evaluating conditions on their lands that may be addressed by the implementation of prevention and control measures identified in the Area Plan. Where current conditions are not consistent with Area Rules, the District can help develop compliance protocols that are deemed to prevent degradation or cause improvement toward water quality standards. Cost-share funding opportunities can also be sought from state and federal conservation agencies to implement specific water quality improvement projects.

Please contact the Grant SWCD for additional information about available watershed restoration programs or to acquire a copy of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan at 541 575-1274 ext. 3.