

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)



Conservation Funding for Ag Operators

Funding is now available to farmers, ranchers and forestland owners in Union County to help them save water, improve forest health and fish habitat, thanks to this watershed restoration project. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering the funding under a five-year project called the **Grande Ronde Watershed Conservation Partnership**.

The Upper Grande Ronde is home to a number of federally-endangered species, including the spring Chinook salmon, summer steelhead and bull trout. NRCS and project partners are working together on instream habitat improvements.

Farmers and ranchers may receive funding to help them with projects such as:

- ▶▶ Prescribed grazing and fencing
- ▶▶ Off-channel water developments,
- ▶▶ Irrigation efficiency improvements
- ▶▶ Forest thinning and slash disposal

These types of projects will help farmers and ranchers improve the production efficiency of their farms and ranches and reduce soil erosion and run-off into streams to improve water quality.

In this fourth year of the program changes to the program include the addition of groundwater irrigation system improvements to the proposals eligible for funding and the increase of the maximum acres of forest thinning and slash disposal to 80 acres per contract.

For more information, contact USWCD at 541-963-1313 or NRCS at 541-624-3098.