



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Learning and Sharing
November 2025

Let me know if you want to be ADDED or TAKEN OFF this email list! Ellen Hammond, ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org.

November 6, 8:30-2:30 MST

Virtual Fence: Presentations & Site Visit

Join producers, extension educators, industry and research highlighting virtual fence technology at Caldwell, Idaho. Info at: [virtual-fence_10_10.pdf](#). Participate in webinar only from 8-11:30 PST (register at <https://beav.es/xRn>).



December 9, 9-10:15am

Webinar: New Invasive Annual Grass Research

Learn the latest research on invasive annual grasses in this webinar hosted by Envu, the manufacturers of Rejuvra. To register and for more info, go to: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/62728780-0701-4efa-bcce-1e652fd70726@c4dedb74-d916-4ef4-b6b5-af80c59e9742>.



December 9, noon (no November meeting)

Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting Madras Airport

Learn what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](#) for an agenda and to RSVP for lunch! Agendas and approved minutes are posted on our [website](#) as soon as available.

December 12, noon

Middle Deschutes Watershed Council mtg: DEQ water quality presentation Madras Airport, unless a larger room is required

Join us for our Board meeting and science presentation from DEQ about water quality data and issues in the Deschutes Basin. Lunch is included, so RSVP with coordinator@middledeschuteswc.org

December 13, 9am-2pm; Register by Nov 1

Free Pesticide Collection Event

Deschutes County Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond

For more information or to register: www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/water/Pages/pesticide-stewardship.aspx. This event may be canceled if there is ~10 applicants or 7,500lbs of pesticides committed November 1.



HB 5006 "Christmas Tree Bill" – Juniper Removal for Watershed Health – Jefferson County continues to lead Central Oregon in putting Juniper Management funds to work on the ground. Our application period closed October 17, and we already convened the ranking committee to review submissions. The first two selected projects will be mapped out over the next month. Then we'll move down the priority list. We anticipate treating between 1,900 and 2,000 acres of juniper.

More on next page!

\$\$\$\$ GRANTS \$\$\$\$

November 14, 2025 DEADLINE

HDFFA On-Farm Efficiency Grants

The High Desert Farm and Food Alliance is offering grants of up to \$3000 with a 50% match. The applicant must grow, raise, and sell products primarily in Central Oregon. See [On-Farm Efficiency Grant | High Desert Food and Farm Alliance](#) for details.

November 20, 2025 DEADLINE

Western SARE Farmer/Rancher Research & Education Grant

The Program advances on-farm sustainability solutions by funding innovative producer-driven research and outreach. This program involves agricultural producers (main applicants) and technical advisor(s) implementing projects to address identified needs in sustainable agriculture. Producers may apply for up to \$35,000.

A producer and a technical advisor work together to develop a project (1-3 years in scope) that conducts both research and outreach on a sustainable agriculture topic. The producer and advisor integrate research and education to conduct on-farm experiments to address social, environmental, and economic aspects of agricultural sustainability. The goal is to achieve results that can be communicated to other producers and professionals; sustain and improve the natural resource base on which agriculture depends; and improve profitability and quality of life for producers. Outreach activities may include on-farm/ranch demonstrations, farmer-to-farmer educational activities, and other approaches to assist producer adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.

<https://western.sare.org/grants/farmer-rancher/>

Lateral 43 Farm Modernization Planning

In partnership with COAREC and NUID, we will provide irrigation water management plans and inventory your needs to maximize use of pressurized delivery water. Remember, this is Technical Assistance funding, not implementation funding. We will use the results to seek funding for implementation. If you live in the Lateral 43 delivery area, be prepared for Ellen to contact you to determine how you want to participate!



Fire Recovery: Revegetating for Rangeland Health

The SWCD is working with NRCS and others to develop a long-term revegetation plan for 117,000 acres of fires burned in 2025. We just submitted our request for fire line seeding. SWCD staff are meeting with multiple potential partners to determine the feasibility of a large-scale aerial spray project for next fall to control invasive annual grasses. We have lots of basic information on logistics to gather before we can determine whether we can pull this off. At the same time, we must also evaluate where to reseed, as you can't plant for a couple of years after Rejuvra. These efforts will take time. *Please do not contact us about it yet!*

CREP Planning Funding Denied

Unfortunately, our Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) grant proposal for the 2026–2027 funding cycle was not selected in the most recent OWEB review. The CREP program remains a vital tool for helping landowners protect and enhance streamside vegetation throughout the county. We are actively exploring alternative funding opportunities to continue this important work. However, beginning in February 2026, we expect a significant reduction in CREP-related activities until new funding is secured.