



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Feb 5, 11-noon (Farm Fair)

Jefferson SWCD Annual Meeting

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Learn about our activities in the last year and the latest available water quality results.

February 11, noon

Middle Deschutes Watershed Council Meeting

Central Oregon Ag Research and Extension Center

Find out about Council activities. They will host a tour of the Selective Water Withdrawal facility at Pelton Round Butte Dam sometime in March. If you are interested in attending the meeting or the tour, please email coordinator@middledeschuteswc.org.

February 12, 9-3

Cropping Options in a Time of Water Uncertainty

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February 24, noon

Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting (new location)

Jefferson County Public Health, 500 NE A Street

Learn what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](mailto:kate@jeffswcd.org) for an agenda and to RSVP for lunch! Agendas and approved minutes are posted on our [website](http://www.jeffswcd.org) as soon as available.

February 24, 8-4

Central Oregon Forage Seminar

\$-H Clover Building, Prineville

This free event is an excellent opportunity to learn about best practices and new research on hay and forage management, with presentations this year about hay markets, rodent management, irrigation technology, alfalfa weevils, and cheatgrass. Lunch and refreshments provided. View agenda at: [Central Oregon Forage Seminar 2026 Agenda](http://www.jeffswcd.org)



PROJECT UPDATE

Fireline Reseeding: Over 2500 pounds of native upland seed were distributed to 12 landowners to seed over 50 miles of firelines from this summer's fires.

Fire Recovery and Prevention: The SWCD and Watershed Council are partnering with Sustainable Northwest, ODA, OSU and others on a million dollar proposal to evaluate Invasive Annual Grass threats and prioritize treatments in northcentral Oregon.

Mid John Day Collaborative Group: The SWCD is facilitating a group including Wasco and Wheeler SWCDs, Mid John Day and Middle Deschutes Watershed Councils, ODFW, Trout Unlimited, and Jefferson County Weed Program to develop projects in the John Day portion of Jefferson County and adjacent counties. The Group is submitting a grant for an aquatic assessment on the Wildlands Preserve in Lower Cherry Creek. In addition, the new Jefferson County Weed Program Coordinator submitted a proposal for weed control in the Cherry and Muddy Creek watersheds.

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CROPPING OPTIONS IN A TIME OF WATER UNCERTAINTY

Join OSU Extension staff for an opportunity to **explore current cover crop and perennial grain cropping opportunities** suitable for reduced irrigation in Central Oregon. We will **hear from local growers about their experience**, and there will be an opportunity to discuss barriers and solutions to adoption.

This event is hosted in collaboration with American Farmland Trust, Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Oregon State University.

This event is free to attend, but registration is required. Lunch will be provided.

WHEN/WHERE:

Feb. 12, 2026
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (PST)
Mingle from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Central Oregon Ag Research
Extension Center (COAREC)*
850 NW Dogwood Ln.
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REGISTER TODAY!

Use the QR code or visit:
bit.ly/49GaJsk



Questions?

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