



## Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Learning and Sharing  
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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](mailto:ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org).

**September 11, 8:30-9:30am**

### OWRC Irrigation Tour Stop

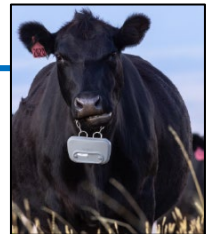
North Plains Seed Company, 1710 NW Gumwood, Madras

Join the Oregon Water Resources Commission (they set water policy for the state and oversee the administration of Oregon's water laws) on a one-hour stop at the seed plant to discuss agriculture, irrigation, drought, and conservation strategies. Includes a walk-through of the seed cleaning facility.

**September 18, 6pm**

### Innovative Grazing with Virtual Fence

The Rock, 601 Willow St Spray, OR



Free tri-tip dinner and presentation sponsored by Wheeler SWCD and Vence. Learn about the latest developments in virtual fencing technology. RSVP by September 11 at [administration@wheelerswcd.org](mailto:administration@wheelerswcd.org), 541-468-2990.

**September 23, noon**

### Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting

Madras Airport

Learn what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](mailto:Kate.Haarberg@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.

### Cram and Flat Fire Recovery

The SWCD has seed to revegetate fire lines. We will seek funding for additional seed for late November seeding. We may have funding this fall for water development and repair in the form of Small Grants. Call (541) 771-8258 or [email](mailto:seed@jeffswcd.org) to tell us your needs. For fencing, please contact the USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) at 541-923-4358 x2.

### Status of Funding for Specific Projects

**HB 5006 "Christmas Tree Bill" – Juniper Removal for Watershed Health:** the SWCD is currently working with its Board to develop an application and ranking process to prioritize project requests. Application details will be provided in the October newsletter, if not sooner.

**Lateral 43:** We are working with NUID and COAREC to develop this program. We will provide irrigation water management plans and develop a needs assessment process to help irrigators maximize use of pressurized delivery water. If you live in the Lateral 43 delivery area, be prepared for Ellen to contact you to determine how you want to participate! Remember, this is Technical Assistance funding, not implementation funding. We will use the results of our efforts to seek funding for implementation.

**Henderson Flats Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Conservation Plan:** still awaiting paperwork from state.