



South Douglas News

South Douglas Conservation District

Summer 2021

Assisting cooperators to adopt, implement and promote conservation practices which encourage good land stewardship and the protection of natural resources.

FUELS REDUCTION TOUR JULY 17

Have you seen the thinning of trees on the Town of Waterville property going up McGinnis Canyon? This fuels reduction project will be highlighted on a tour, July 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and over by noon. Mike Lesky, one of South Douglas CD supervisors and former forester, will lead the tour. We will also go look at a fuels reduction project on Redfield Road. Mike will discuss forest health, and what landowners can do to improve their property. Jill Thompson, Waterville Mayor, will talk about the Waterville project as well. We will meet at the Badger Mountain Ski Hill parking lot, at the bottom of McGuinness Canyon—where Baseline Road turns south up McGinnis (Badger Mountain Road). See you there!



Our chipping days, May 18 and 19, helped 23 landowners with fuels reduction on their property. Both urban and rural residents participated. We did pass by three piles that looked like the “not this” pile on our website. We will provide this service again in November, so watch this newsletter for more information.

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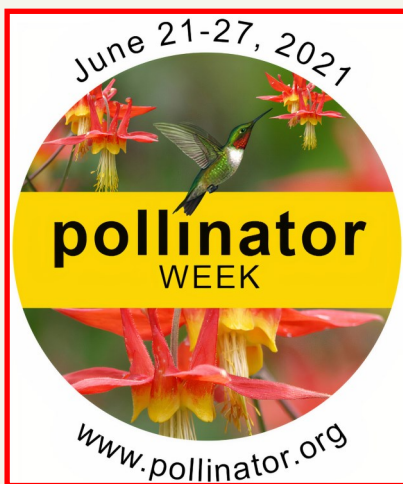


2021 TREE AND SHRUB SALE RECAP

This was our biggest sale ever. Was it because the sale was cancelled last year? Was everyone at home during the pandemic looking in their yards and gardens and thinking some new plants would be good? New and returning customers came out to the fairgrounds and hauled lots of plants home. We had impulse tables filled with pollinator plants and other shrubs and trees.



The volunteers—Kay, Carolyn, Jo, Jeff, Bryan, Lindsey, and Pat—made it easy to get the orders ready on Friday and help buyers decide what to add to their orders on Saturday. The sale is held first Saturday in April each year, with catalogs ready first part of March. Thank you for your support.



How do you attract pollinators?

1. Plant a variety of plants. Different pollinators respond to different colors.
2. Add water. A small bowl of water in the garden.
3. Provide shelter. Mulch. Or even dry open soil for solitary bumblebees.
4. Concentrate on adding native plants, but other non natives also attract. (Non native are native somewhere.)
5. Try adding some trees. Maples and willows are good choices.
6. Let your herbs bloom. The flowers attract pollinators
7. Limit your use of pesticides.
8. Recognize that pollinators include bumblebees, honey bees, flies, bats and more. More than 1,000 of all pollinators are vertebrates, and 200,000 species are beneficial insects.



Native Penstemons are beautiful and attract bees and butterflies.




You can start small and still make a difference to pollinators.

Our workshop—"Birds, Bees and Bats" - has been put on hold until we can meet in person. Watch this newsletter for information.

BE PREPARED IN CASE OF WILDFIRE

Fire season is upon us. The time to prepare is now. Clean your roof and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers. Move any flammable material away from the exterior of the house—firewood piles, mulch, leaves and needles—anything that could catch fire. Plan your escape route in case of a fire. Have you planned for the safety of your pets and outside animals? Can the firetrucks find you easily and have safe access to your property?

Below are two alerts from the Douglas County Sheriff’s office explaining the three levels of fire danger. Thanks to the Sheriff’s office for providing this.



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LEVEL 1

Persons are warned that current or projected threats from hazards associated with the approaching fire(s) are severe.

This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of person with special needs, mobile property, and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock.


You will be kept advised as conditions change. Area radio stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates. If conditions worsen, we will make every attempt to contact you. However, this may be the only notice you receive.

If you are absent from your home for more than a short period of time, please leave a note with your name and contact phone number in a visible location. An attempt will be made to contact you by phone.

Date

Time

Personnel #



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NIVEL 1

Se le advierte a las personas que amenazas actuales o predecidas de peligros asociados con incendios que se acercan son severas.

Este es el momento para prepararse y hacer el movimiento con precaución de personas con necesidades especiales, propiedad móvil y (bajo ciertas circunstancias) animales domésticos y ganado.

Usted será avisado de cambios en las condiciones. Se le ha solicitado a las estaciones de radio en el área que anuncien los cambios continuamente. Si las condiciones empeoran haremos todo esfuerzo posible para hacer contacto con usted. Aún así, esta puede ser la única noticia que reciba.

Si usted está afuera de su hogar por más de un corto tiempo, por favor deje una nota con su nombre y número de contacto en un sitio visible. Se tratará de hacer contacto con usted por teléfono.

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LEVEL 2

Conditions indicate a good probability that hazards associated with the approaching fire(s) will severely limit our ability to provide emergency service protection. Dangerous conditions exist that may threaten your residence or business.

You must prepare to leave at moments notice.

Fire and Law Enforcement personnel are working in this area to provide specific information about when to leave and the route(s) to be taken. Plans to open an emergency shelter are being made if necessary.


This may be the only notice that you receive.

You will be kept advised as conditions change. Area radio stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates.

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NIVEL 2

Las condiciones indican una buena probabilidad de que peligros asociados con incendio(s) que se acercan van a limitar severamente nuestra habilidad para proveer servicios de protección de emergencia. Existen condiciones peligrosas que pueden amenazar su residencia o negocio.

Usted tiene que estar preparado para salir con noticia de momento.

El personal de la policía y fuego están trabajando en esta área para proveer información específica acerca de cuando salir y la ruta(s) a tomar. Se hacen planes para abrir un albergue de emergencia si fuera necesario.

Esta puede ser la única noticia que usted recibirá.

Se le mantendrá avisado de los cambios en las condiciones. Se le ha solicitado a las estaciones de radio en el área de anunciar los cambios continuamente.

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LEVEL 3

Current conditions present specific and immediate threats(s) to the life and safety of persons within this area.

You are advised to evacuate immediately.

Fire and Law Enforcement personnel are working in this area to provide specific information on the route(s) to take.

A temporary shelter has been set up at: _____


If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand that emergency services may not be available. Volunteers will not be allowed to enter the area to provide assistance.

Roadblocks and 24-hour patrols will be established in the area. Residents may not be allowed to return until conditions are safe. Area radio stations have been asked to broadcast periodic updates.

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NIVEL 3

Las condiciones actuales presentan amenaza inmediata(s) para la vida y seguridad de personas en esta área.

Se le avisa de salir inmediatamente.

Personal de la policía y fuego están trabajando en esta área para proveer información específica en las rutas a tomar.

Un albergue temporal ha sido instalado en: _____

Si usted elige ignorar este aviso, tiene que entender que los servicios de emergencia pueden que no estén disponibles. A los voluntarios no se le permitirá entrar a esta área para dar ayuda.

Control de carreteras y patrullas de 24 horas serán establecidas en el área. Los residentes quizás no se le permita regresar hasta que las condiciones no sean peligrosas. Se le ha solicitado a las estaciones de radio de el área de anunciar los cambios continuamente.

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★ This is provided as a public safety notice. No one will attempt to force you to leave your property. ★

★ Esto es ofrecido como noticia de seguridad pública. Nadie lo obligará a salir de su propiedad. ★

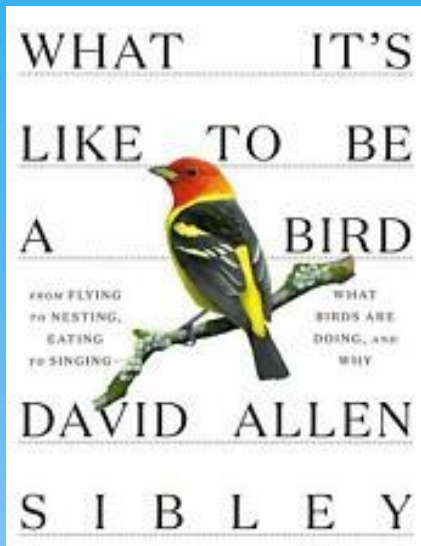
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Free Firewise Assessments

We can come to your property and evaluate your fire risks and strengths. The 15-30 minute review can alert you to simple things you can do to reduce fire hazards. Call us and we can schedule an appointment.

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BIRD



This new book, written by David Allen Sibley, is about birds flying, nesting, eating, singing and everything in between. The excellent drawings and descriptions will encourage you to go outside and watch the birds. Most of them are familiar birds you see in North Central Washington.

This is not a field guide. The large 8.5 x 11" book is over 200 pages. But once you know which bird you see you can probably read about it. Did you know that almost every feather on a bird is different? A small sparrow has about 1800 feathers in the summer. Robins actually benefit from invasive berries and global warming because more food is available. Scientific facts about the birds

and why they do what they do in an easy to read format make this book a delight. It is available through your library. (I might have to buy this one for my personal library.)

Out with the Old! In with the New!

Jeff Rock, a supervisor for twenty years, had decided early this year not to continue as a supervisor. Jeff's commitment to natural resource conservation will not end with the end of his position. He has been instrumental in various projects South Douglas has developed. Helping farmers with cost share projects, developing the Firewise program in Douglas County, in part with his involvement in the local Fire District, and meeting with local and state officials to further natural resource conservation in the county has been appreciated. He will still be involved as a volunteer with the district, but will be spending more time on his farm. We wish you good luck, Jeff.

Fortunately, our associate supervisor, Carolyn Kelly, made the decision to run for the open supervisor position. In May, the Washington Conservation Commission formally accepted Carolyn as a South Douglas Conservation District Supervisor. Carolyn has been in Douglas County for several years but is formally with the Skagit Conservation District. Her vast knowledge of how conservation districts work, enthusiasm for conservation and energy for getting projects done will keep the district busy. Welcome, Carolyn.

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August 26-29

The NCW Fair is back! Social distancing and other Covid protocols will be required, but the

animals, crafts, vegetables and all the entertainment will be there. Bring your exhibits—crafted, grown, sewn or anywhere in between. And don't forget the District's Douglas County Agriculture contest in the horticultural building. Look on our website for details—prizes for best educational posters will be awarded.