

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## Inland Empire Chapter Fall 2008

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### FALL MEETING

*Friday, October 17, 2008*

*Soil, Water, and Energy Issues in Central Washington*



**Washington Cattlemen's Association Office**

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- 8:30 A.M. Registration..... Emily Pickron, Chapter Treasurer
- 9:15 A.M. Welcome..... Steve Rolph, Central Washington Director
- 9:20 A.M. SWCS Chapter Business Meeting ..... Don McCool, Chapter President
- 10:00 A.M. Columbia River Basin Water Management Program.. Dan Haller, Washington Department of Ecology
- 10:30 A.M. Water Management Program Participation..... Jon Culp, Washington State Conservation Commission
- 11:00 A.M. High Tech Soil Moisture Sensor Demonstrations..... Jim Perez and Dave Fraser, Simplot  
 ..... Kevin Bellingham and Adam Krumbein  
 ..... Stevens Water Monitoring Systems
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Kittitas Conservation Field Tour ..... Anna Lael and Mark Crowley  
 ..... Kittitas County Conservation District
- 4:00 P.M. Adjourn

*More details on page 3*

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Dear Members,

First I wish to thank our retiring officers, Esther Patterson, Larry Hooker, and Mark Cottrell for their contributions to the Chapter. Esther has been a stalwart member and chapter supporter for many years. She retires to Treasurer Emeritus status, an office created to recognize her efforts on behalf of the chapter. She has also been a help to many of us in our conservation careers, providing encouragement and an occasional boost from behind! Emily Pickron is our new treasurer. Larry Hooker has been a pleasure to work with, both professionally with SCS/NRCS, the Walla Walla Conservation District, and with ideas and energy for chapter meetings and activities. Steve Sprecher is our new SE Washington Director. Mark Cottrell scored a real home run with the spring meeting in Post Falls, organizing the program, venue, and snacks and lunch. I know he had some help, and it was appreciated. David Brown is our new North Idaho Panhandle Director. Steve Rolph is being replaced by Steve Rolph as Central Washington Director. Steve comes a long way to participate in our Executive Board meetings and most of our chapter meetings. This fall is his turn to organize the fall meeting. I know that this is a real challenge with end-of-the year budget management and related concerns, and our membership is sparse in the area, so he has spent a lot of time organizing the fall meeting. We look forward to the opportunity to visit Ellensburg and learn from the experts about soil, water, and energy conservation efforts in the area.

*Don McCool, Inland Empire Chapter President*

### **Current Chapter Officers**



**From left to right, Chapter Officers Steve Sprecher, Emily Pickron, Ann Swannack, Dave Brown, Vern McMaster, Steve Rolph, Don McCool, and Georgie Leinweber .**

## The SWCS Inland Empire Spring Meeting

On April 25, 2008, members of the Inland Chapter met in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to learn of the many efforts of conservation professionals in North Idaho. Angel Spell, City Forester for the City of Post Falls, gave an excellent presentation of the use of technology to improve the city's urban forestry program. Jamie Davis, Water Quality Resource Conservationist for the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts in Sandpoint discussed how the Lake-A-Syst Program has helped to keep Lake Pend Oreille clean. Nina Eckberg, Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control Supervisor, explained the many projects in and around Lake Coeur d'Alene that help rid the lake of Eurasian Milfoil and other noxious weeds. Landscape Architect Tom Freeman explained the technical training and certification process administered for contractors and conservation professionals as part of the North Idaho Stormwater Erosion and Prevention Program (SEEP). Following the meeting, members visited the Nature Conservancy's Cougar Bay Preserve on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene.



Chapter President Don McCool enjoys a short hike at the Cougar Bay Preserve with members Steve Rolph, Vern McMaster, and Leonard Johnson.

### Fall Meeting Topics

We will focus on soil, water, and energy issues at the fall meeting.

Representatives of several agencies will describe efforts to save these precious resources in Central Washington. The field tour will include a visit to the Marshtank stream restoration project and local Irrigation Efficiencies Grant funded projects.

### Getting There

**From West:** I-90 Exit 106

Follow road over overpass, at the four-way stop turn right.\*

**From East:** I-90 Exit 106

Take a right at end of off ramp. At four-way stop turn right.\*

\*After right turn, the Washington Cattlemen's Association is the building after the 76 station.

Fall Meeting Registration  
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Registration at the door - \$15.00 SWCS members, \$20.00 non-members, \$10.00 students  
No Advance Registration

For "**new**" memberships received at the door (\$75.00), the registration fee will be waived

Registration includes payment for a box lunch.

Please come to the meeting with this registration form and a check payable to: Inland Empire Chapter – SWCS

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