

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between
Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District (Wasco SWCD) and
Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District (Jefferson SWCD)**

Purpose:

This MOU outlines the collaboration between Wasco SWCD and Jefferson SWCD to address conservation efforts in the Trout Creek and Lower John Day watersheds, where landowners have properties in both counties. This agreement also acknowledges that landowners may seek services from either district, regardless of where their property is located.

Scope:

- **Shared Watersheds:** Focus on conservation projects within the Trout Creek and Lower John Day watersheds.
- **Collaborative Efforts:** Joint planning, implementation, and monitoring of conservation practices; outreach events.
- **Resource Sharing:** Sharing of technical expertise, equipment, and other resources as needed.
- **Service Flexibility:** Allow landowners to seek services from either Wasco SWCD or Jefferson SWCD, based on their preference and convenience. SWCDs may accept the request or refer them to some other entity.

Responsibilities:

- **Wasco SWCD:**
 - Lead coordination efforts within Wasco County.
 - Provide outreach and technical assistance and support to landowners.
 - Facilitate access to funding and grants.
- **Jefferson SWCD:**
 - Lead coordination efforts within Jefferson County.
 - Provide outreach and technical assistance and support to landowners.
 - Facilitate access to funding and grants.

Communication:

- **Regular Meetings:** Quarterly or Semi-Annual meetings to discuss programs, progress, challenges, plans, activities, accomplishments, and financial expenditures.
- **Informal Check-ins:** As needed to ensure ongoing and open communication.

Duration: This MOU is effective when signed by both parties and will remain in effect until/unless terminated by mutual agreement.

Signatures:

For Wasco SWCD: Name/Title/Date

For Jefferson SWCD: Name/Title/Date