

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
AND
THE WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

I. Background

The Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) and the Washington State Society of American Foresters (WS SAF) have responsibilities and mandates for natural resources stewardship, public outreach, and assisting their members to increase their skills. They each have vision and goal to create a better environment, better understanding of natural resources, and ever-increasing quality of member's skills.

II. Our Missions

The mission of WACD: WACD is a voluntary non-governmental association to advance the purposes of conservation districts and their constituents by providing leadership, information, and representation.

The mission of WS SAF is:

- To advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry;
- To enhance the competency of its members;
- To establish professional excellence; and,
- To use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society.

III. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to facilitate working together to improve the conservation, development, and restoration of Washington's natural resources.

We seek to foster working relationships in areas of mutual interest. We intend to do this by sharing information at both the state and local levels, providing information where we know the other organization has an interest, and sharing resources, where feasible. We will seek to provide political and public support in those areas of agreed interest.

IV. Scope

The initial scope of this MOU will be:

1. Each organization become familiar with the other's interests, operations, and organizational structure.
2. Notification by each of legislative initiatives and priorities and identify areas where support might be appropriate.
3. Each organization inform the other of resources and outreach materials.

V. Objectives

1. Express our joint commitment to the people and natural resources of Washington State.
2. Encourage a spirit of cooperation and synergy between our organizations at the state and local levels.
3. Leverage each other's resources to help each other where and when we can.
4. Assess the feasibility of developing a closer relationship the future.

VI. Responsibilities

1. Each party will keep the other apprised of activities in the other's areas of interest, to the extent possible.
2. Each party will provide, through their respective leaders, the other's organization's leadership group background information on their organization.
3. Contact information will be forwarded each year to the other organization and also be on each organization's website.

VII. Amendment and termination

This MOU shall take effect on the date of signature of both parties. It can be amended or renewed by mutual, written agreement of the parties. Any one of the parties may terminate this MOU upon 30 days written notice.

VIII. Points of Contact

The primary points of contacts will be the immediate past leaders of each organization. Their contact information will be forwarded each year to the other organization and also be on each organization's website.

The website of WACD is: <http://www.wacd.org/>

The website of WS SAF is: <http://www.forestry.org/>

IX. Acceptance

Washington Association of
Conservation Districts



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President

Washington State
Society of American Foresters



Clifford D. (Doug) Rushton
Chair

December 27, 2007
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