



2015 Livestock Assessments

Eastern Washington Livestock and WQ

Ten Key Changes

Key Change #1: Ecology will increase education and outreach efforts in watersheds where we work.

Key Change #2 : Ecology will look for ways to increase communication efforts with willing CDs and committee members.

Key Change #3: Ecology will increase engagement with producer groups when conducting education and outreach.

Key Change #4: Letters will include specific information on the problem observed at the site.

Key Change #5: Letters will include a clear timeline for producers to contact Ecology.

Ten Key Changes Cont.

Key Change #6: Letters will include an offer for the producer to access the documentation related to their operation.

Key Change #7: Letters will include an offer for Ecology staff to make a site visit.

Key Change #8: Ecology will send letters to prioritized sites within 60 days.

Key Change #9: Ecology will provide 30 days for individuals to contact Ecology and/or set up a site visit.

Key Change #10: Ecology will send the first communication to the lessee if known.

2015 Assessment Areas

- Blue Mountain Streams (Asotin, Alpowa, Deadman, Meadow)
- Whitman County Snake River Tribs (Including Alkali Flat Creek)
- North Fork & South Fork Palouse River
- Hangman Creek
- Walla Walla River

In 2016, we will incorporate:

- South Stevens County (Chamokane/Upper Colville)
- Rock Creek/Middle Palouse River
- Tucannon River

2013 Watersheds

- Follow-up on the 30 sites from 2013
- Determine if WQ problems are fixed
- Use the process in our flow-chart if problems remain

Increased Outreach & Education Effort

- Meet with CD board of supervisors to discuss 2015 assessments
- Present at CD annual meetings and producer group meetings
- Follow-up with CD managers (and interested board members) after assessments are completed
- Update CD managers on ten key changes where we will follow up on 2013 assessments sites.
- Partner with the State Conservation Commission, WSU extension, the Washington Cattleman's Association WCA, and other interested parties on three livestock workshops.
- Provide 2015 assessment notices to CDs and producer groups and request they include in their newsletters.
- Provide updated information on livestock and WQ as well as the 2015 assessments on the Ecology website.

Workshop Topics

- Water Quality Advisory Committee
- Water Quality Law and Site Conditions
- WSU Extension Risk Assessment
- 2015 Livestock Assessments and 10 Key Changes
- Available Technical & Financial Assistance