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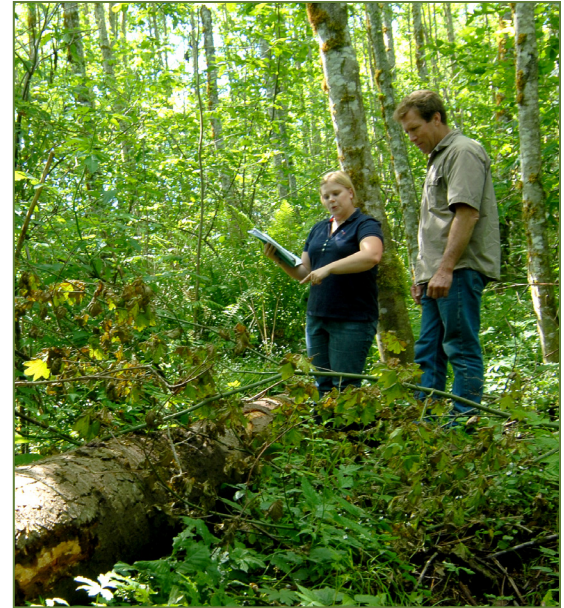
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### NRCS FIELD OFFICE CONTACTS:

Team Name	District Conservationist	Counties Supported	Contact
North East Team	Karla Ware	Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry	(509) 685-0858 Ext. 115
West Palouse Team	Ann Swannack	Lincoln, Adams	(509) 725-4501 Ext. 110
Palouse Team	Rich Edlund	Whitman, Pine Creek, Palouse, Spokane, Palouse-Rock Lake	(509) 924-7350 Ext. 123
Snake River Team	Ed Teel	Asotin County, Columbia, Franklin, Pomeroy, Walla Walla	(509) 522-6347 Ext. 106
North Central Team	Sarah Troutman	Okanogan, Foster Creek, South Douglas, Cascadia	(509) 422-2750 Ext. 102
Big Bend Team	Vacant	Grant, Kittitas County, Moses Lake, Warden	(509) 754-2463 Ext. 1111
South Central Team	Amanda Ettestad	Central and Eastern Klickitat, Benton, North & South Yakima	(509) 829-3003 Ext. 108
Northwest Team	Tony Sunseri	Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan Islands, Whidbey Island, Clallam, Jefferson	(360) 428-7684 Ext. 131
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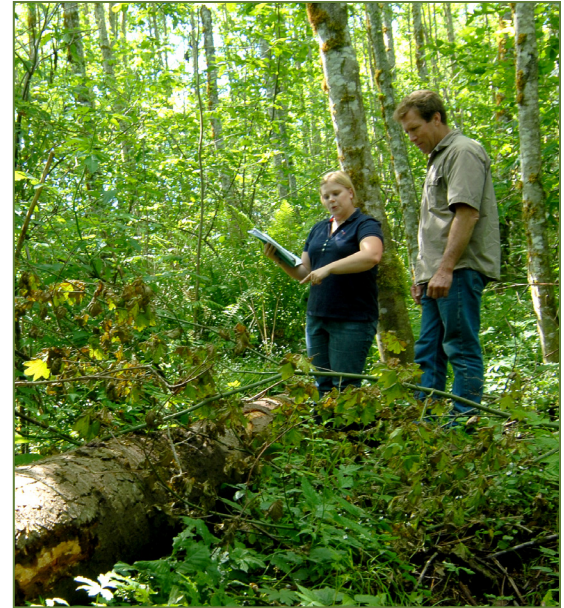
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