



2026 Calendar



The Next Generation
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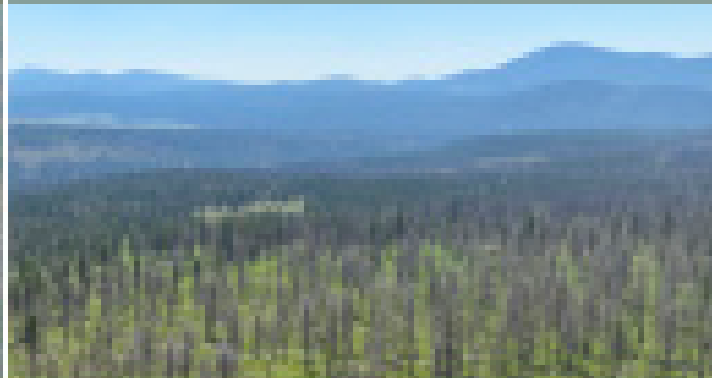
Our Programs

Water Resources



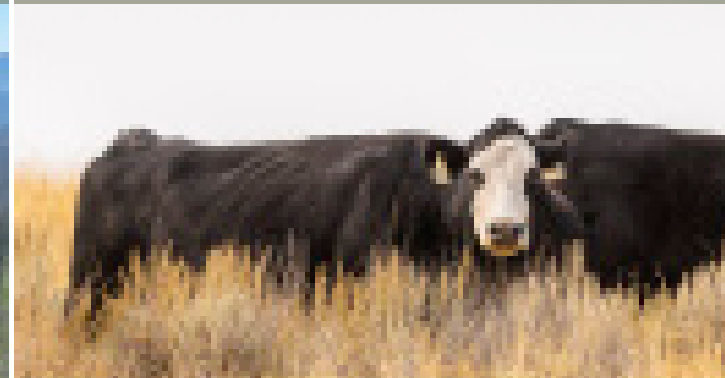
Irrigation efficiencies
Water bank
Drought preparedness
Water conservation

Forests & Wildlife



Wildlife resiliency & recovery
FHEI forest risk assessments
Forest health & air quality
Firewise USA® certification

Agriculture & Rangeland



Rangeland assistance
Grading management plans
Pollinator plantings
Voluntary stewardship (VST)

Aquatics & Wetlands



Wetland restoration projects
Water quality enhancements
Soil health & erosion
Habitat improvements

Youth Education



PreK-12 lessons & activities
Outdoor field days
School gardens
Basketball competition

Community Affairs & Outreach



Outreach & education
Community events & workshops
Presentations, meetings, & tours
Programs for cities/towns



Okanogan Conservation District

Cooperative Conservation Since 1940



Pictured (left to right): Aaron Wold, Rosalie Powell, Taylor George, Natalie Torres, Chevelle Yeckel, Sam Nurmi, Tanya Margerison, Brant Smith, Emmy Engle, Craig Nelson, Jordana Ellis, Eli Loftis, Kim Kogler, Jack Owen
(Not pictured: Emily Bustamante)



EXECUTIVE NOTE

Craig Nelson, Executive Director

Celebrating our 85th anniversary in 2025 was a major milestone for our district. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and reconnecting with cooperators from yesteryear. We've seen many great conservation projects over the years and we continue working today with innovative landowners and land managers to develop projects that will ensure we have a rich diversity of natural resources for future generations.

Over the years, our program has ebbed and flowed in program priorities, funding levels, staff technical capacities, and more. Through it all, we have been governed by a fabulous board of volunteer community members that have set the course for our program to best meet our community's collective needs. They are the true heroes of our program's success. They devote hours of time each month without compensation to develop our strategic vision, communicate district priorities, and guide the district program. Our employees implement their vision within the constraints of funding available and our cooperator's abilities to implement projects. It's a beautiful dance that has put great conservation on the ground every year.

We hope you will continue to work with us in the coming years and let your neighbors know about the resources we can help them with. Our best advertising is a great project and a happy cooperator.

Peek-a-boo
Credit: Signe Hagerup



January 2026

How will you achieve your conservation goals this year?

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Staff and Cooperator

Credit: Eli Loftis

Okanogan CD collaborates with more than 100 partners to provide resources and expertise that help you care for your land. Our staff can support you in meeting the goals you have for your property. Request project planning assistance or ask about available resources. We're here to help!

Contact us to schedule a site visit and share your ideas.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day District Office Closed	2	3
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11	12	13 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day District Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24
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The Storm Will Pass
Credit: Airan Mendoza

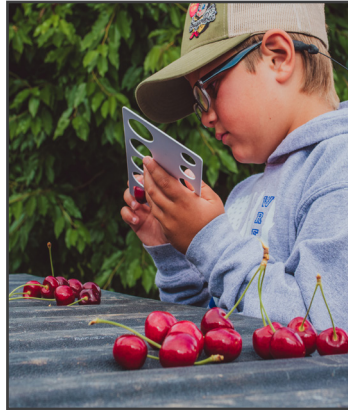


February 2026

Visit our website to learn more about resources for agricultural users!

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Sizing up the harvest
Credit: Karen Monroe

We are here to support local agricultural users! VSP, or the Voluntary Stewardship Program, focuses on assisting local producers with conservation projects that protect vulnerable areas and enhance operations. From orchardists to range land to cropland, VSP supports the viability of local agriculture and keeps actions voluntary for users in Okanogan County. Visit our website to learn more about eligible projects and ways to participate in VSP.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day District Office Closed	17	18	19	20	21
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Western Blue Flag

Credit: Eli Loftis



March 2026

Visit our website for important reminders on the District Election!

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Board Chair, Lorah Super
Credit: Sam Nurmi

Okanogan CD is led by our Board of Supervisors who determine the policy and direction for the district. The board is made up of three elected members, two members appointed by the (WSCC) Washington Conservation Commission, as well as five associate supervisors. All members of our board members are also local agricultural producers who volunteer their time to serve on the board. Make sure to vote in the district election this month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 World Wildlife Day	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)	9	10 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	11	12	13 Solar Appreciation Day	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Okanogan CD District Election!	20 First Day of Spring	21 International Day of Forests
22 World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Similkameen Braids

Credit: Jack Owen



April 2026

Interested in how we can support your grazing and range needs? Reach out!

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Horse and Hills
Credit: Taylor George

Healthy rangelands store carbon, support wildlife, and sustain agricultural viability. Through efforts of installing livestock watering facilities, cross-fencing, and prescribed or rotational grazing plans, producers can support soil health and native vegetation. Okanogan CD supports these efforts by offering site visits, cost-share projects, CRMs, and by offering technical assistance to help you reach goals that benefit the health of your land and operation. Learn more about available programs or past projects on our website.

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5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	15	16	17	18
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Mushrooms

Credit: Airan Mendoza



May 2026

It's National Wildfire Awareness Month!

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International Compost Awareness Week		Cinco De Mayo				
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Mother's Day		Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm			National Endangered Species Day	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			World Bee Day			World Turtle Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day District Office Closed					



Tree Thinning Project
Credit: Eli Loftis

May is National Wildfire Awareness Month. One way to prepare your property for wildfire is to schedule a FREE home risk assessment! Okanogan CD staff can visit your property to address wildfire risk or any concerns, questions, and provide resources for improvements, home hardening, small-scale fuels reduction projects, and assist with post-fire recovery. You will receive customized recommendations to make your property more resilient to wildfire.

Hummingbird
Credit: Airan Mendoza



June 2026

It's Rivers Appreciation Month!

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7 Okanogan CD's 86th Anniversary! (June 7th, 1940)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 Global Wind Day	16 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	17	18	19 Juneteenth District Office Closed	20
21 First Day of Summer Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Water Quality Monitoring
Credit: Brant Smith

June is Rivers Appreciation Month! Streams, wetlands, and other aquatic areas are vital for clean water, healthy habitat, and resilient watersheds. Okanogan CD works with partners, landowners, and land managers to protect and restore water areas by installing riparian plantings, erosion control, and other conservation efforts. Native vegetation along shorelines helps with erosion impacts, filters runoff, provides shade for temperature control, and supports aquatic species and habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

Sunset Indian Paintbrush

Credit: Craig Nelson



July 2026

Visit our website for wildfire resiliency and recovery resources.

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26	27	28 <div>World Nature Conservation Day</div>	29	30	31	

Toats Coulee Creek
Credit: Airan Mendoza



August 2026

Back to school — Reach out to request free lessons and educational materials!

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Student Farmer's Market
Credit: Emily Bustamate

Welcome back to school! We offer a variety of PreK-12 youth education lessons and activities to educators and groups, available upon request and free of charge. Students learn more about natural resources unique to Okanogan County through outdoor in-field exploration and hands-on activities! We also support our County's eight school gardens with curriculum and teacher trainings. Programs occur year-round. Visit the school garden webpage to learn more about each garden or to request a lesson!

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The Hum of Hard Work

Credit: Karen Monroe



September 2026

Reach out to learn more about forest health resources!

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6	7 Labor Day District Office Closed	8 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	9	10	11	12
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20 Yom Kippur	21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26 National Public Lands Day
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Forest Health Assessment
Credit: Eli Loftis

Our dry and dense western forests thrive when they are actively managed. The Okanogan CD works with landowners and partners to promote forest health with fuels reduction projects, vegetation management, and prescribed burns. These practices reduce crowding, encourage healthy growth, and create diverse, resilient woodlands that improve and support wildlife habitat and sustainable land use across Okanogan County.



Red Truck, Red Apples,
Miles of Hard Work
Credit: Karen Monroe

October 2026

Irrigation efficiencies project applications are due this month.

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11	12 <div> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day National Farmer's Day </div>	13 <div>  Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm </div>	14	15	16 <div> Boss's Day </div>	17
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Applications are due for our Irrigation Efficiencies Program this month! This program works to install or revamp systems to save time, money, and water, and to restore in-stream flows in rivers and streams. These efforts save money for local agricultural producers, replace outdated systems and infrastructure, and enhance habitat for aquatic species. Contact us or visit our website to learn more about this program and to receive assistance on best management practices.

Moose

Credit: Airan Mendoza



November 2026

Start planning for your conservation projects to get ready for the spring!

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Biochar

Credit: Rosalie Powell

Biochar can convert large volumes of woody biomass into high-quality charcoal to improve soil health, moisture retention, and nutrient cycling for farms, gardens, and forests. Okanogan CD is working with CORRIM and other partners to apply the benefits of biochar production methods to reduce forest fuels in a more climate- and air-quality-friendly way in North Central Washington. Visit our website to see biochar in action or contact us to learn more!

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1 Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	11 Veterans Day District Office Closed	12	13	14
15 National Recycling Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day District Office Closed	27 Native American Heritage Day District Office Closed	28
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Soft Sunrise
Credit: Brandy Sobottka



December 2026

Happy Holidays! Thank you for supporting voluntary conservation!

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6	7	8 Okanogan CD Board Meeting 6pm	9	10	11	12 Last Day of Hanukkah
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20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day District Office Closed	26 Kwanzaa (Until Jan. 1)
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



Holiday Parade
Credit: Rosalie Powell

As we wrap up another year, we want to express our gratitude to the landowners, residents, and partners who choose to work with us. Participation with the district is always voluntary and we are non-regulatory. Through your dedication, partnership, and action to conserve we protect Okanogan County's natural resources and beauty for generations to come. We can't wait to hear more conservation stories and see the success that next year brings. Happy holidays!

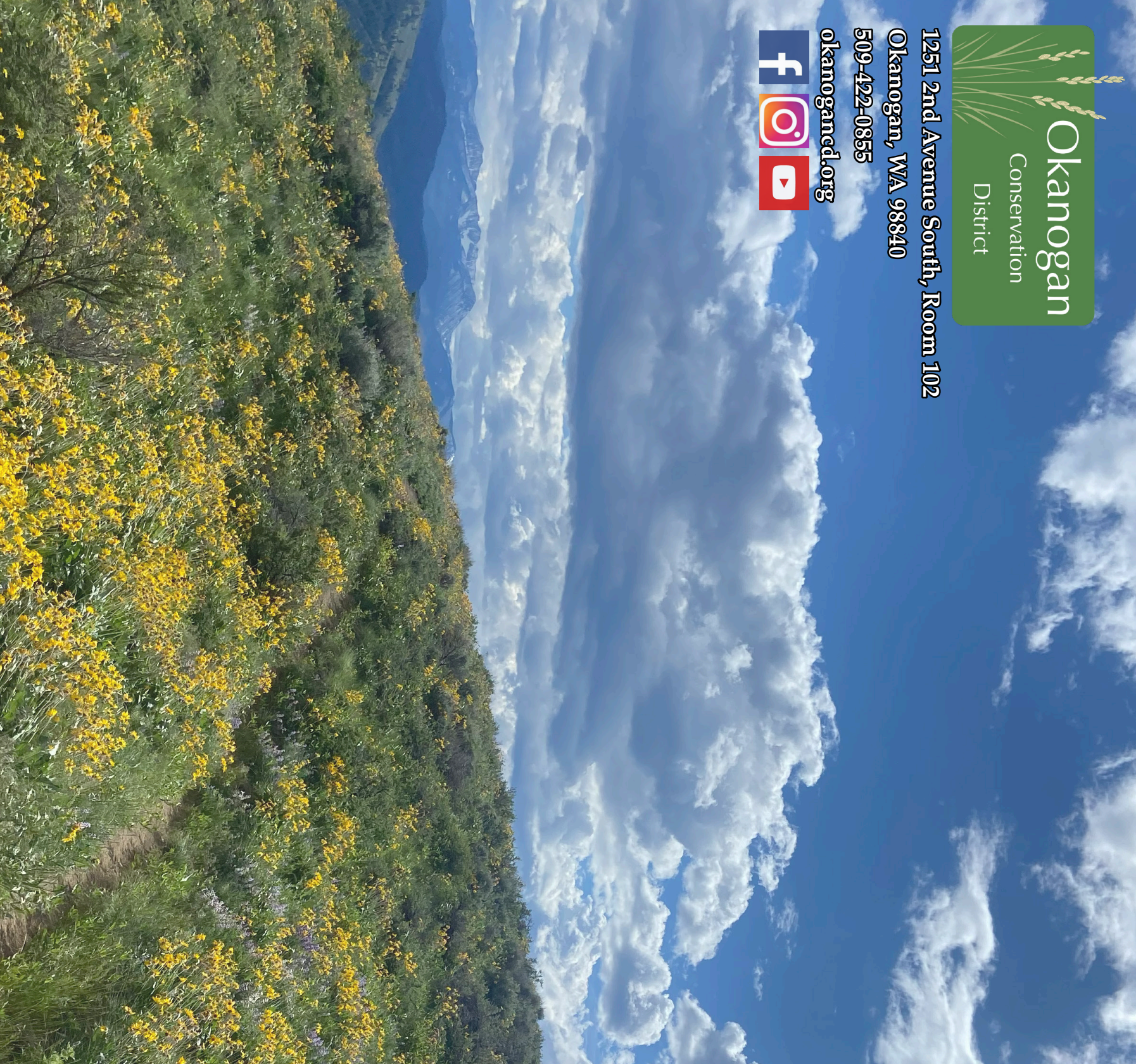


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