



Appendix E:

Douglas County VSP Producer Survey

Volunteer or Voluntold, how do you like your agriculture?

What is the VSP?

*The VSP (VSP) aims to protect critical areas (fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, frequently flooded areas, and areas with a critical recharging effect of aquifers used for potable water) where they intersect with agricultural activities, through **voluntary, incentive-based measures**, while at the same time improving the long term viability of agriculture.*

Why should you fill out this survey?

- **TO AVOID FURTHER REGULATIONS!** That's right, taking a few minutes to complete this survey will help you, and all agricultural operators in Douglas County, avoid further regulations. This survey is one of the primary ways the VSP accounts for all of the great voluntary conservation activities that you all are doing out there. Demonstrating to the state that Douglas County producers are protecting critical areas by implementing voluntary conservation activities is how the VSP succeeds. This means that your responses in this survey are necessary for the success of VSP. **If VSP were to fail, agricultural activities would be subject to regulation under the Growth Management Act. This approach would require the county planning department to regulate agricultural activities in critical areas (RCW 36.70A.060(2)).**
- **The information you provide in this survey will inform and direct future cost-share and educational opportunities.** This is your chance to tell us what cost-share and educational opportunities will benefit your operation. The conservation districts will use this information to apply for funding that benefits you.
- **It's Anonymous and Confidential.** VSP reporting is done on the watershed scale, so there is no need to match your answers to a spot on the map.

Who Should fill out this survey?

All agricultural producers in Douglas County. If you are an agricultural producer operating in Douglas County, VSP affects you!

Survey Objectives:

1. Identify and document implemented conservation activities that contribute to the critical area protection goals and benchmarks of the VSP work plan.
2. Identify conservation activities that Douglas County producers are interested in implementing to increase cost-share and technical service opportunities for those conservation activities.
3. Identify educational programs and materials that would benefit Douglas County producers.

4. Encourage high producer participation, through the implementation of voluntary conservation activities, to ensure the success of the VSP.

Directions: Please indicate the type of your operation (check all that apply)

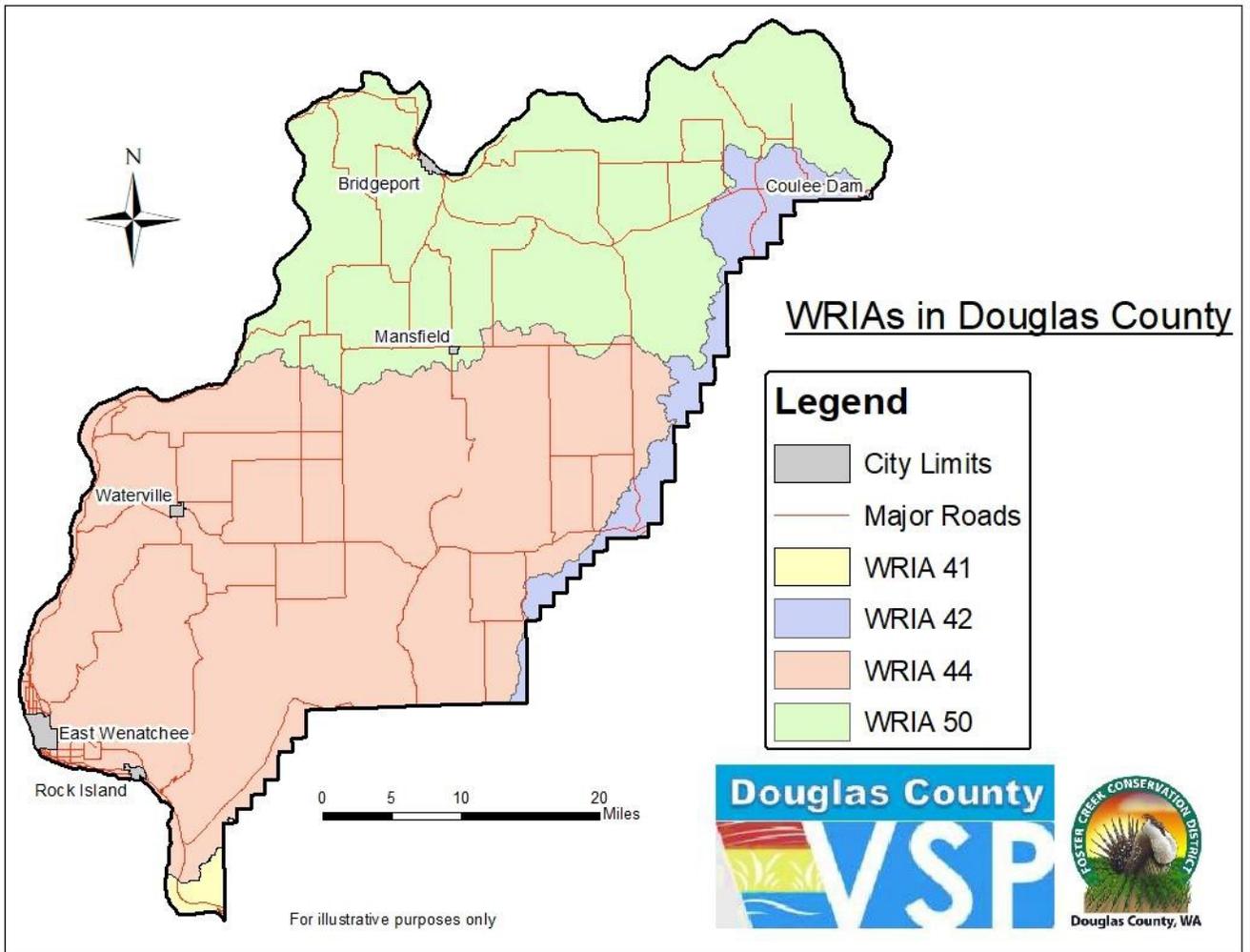
- Dryland Irrigated Range/grazing

If Irrigated:

- Orchard Hay/animal feed

Directions: Please indicate which Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) the majority of your operation is in.

- WRIA 41 WRIA 44
 WRIA 42 WRIA 50



Directions: Please list any educational opportunities (workshops, trainings, field demonstrations, etc.) that you would like to see provided.

Directions: Please list any other technical assistance you would like to see provided (e.g. equipment rentals, marketing assistance, other miscellaneous)

Please Return to: The Douglas County VSP Coordinator in person, by mail, or by email. The survey can also be filled out online at: <http://www.fostercreekcd.org/programs/voluntary-stewardship-program/>

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Questions? If you have a question about filling out this survey, please contact the VSP Coordinator

What's Next?

- If you haven't already, please pick up a ***Douglas County VSP Producer Handbook***. It contains everything you need to know about the VSP program, its implementation, and opportunities available to you. The handbook is available at technical service provider offices and online as a PDF on the VSP webpage listed below.
- Consult with the technical service providers listed below. There are many planning, cost-share, and technical advice opportunities available right now!

Douglas County Technical Service Providers:

Foster Creek Conservation District: 509-888-6372, fostercreekcd.org South
Douglas Conservation District: 509-745-9160, southdouglascd.com Natural
Resource Conservation Service: 509-745-8362, www.nrcs.usda.gov Farm
Service Agency: 509-745-8561, www.fsa.usda.gov
WSU Douglas County Extension Office: 509-745-8531, <http://extension.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/>
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: 509-662-0452, wdfw.wa.gov