

# **Appendix B-2: Community Planning Areas**

### Kittitas Valley Community Planning Area

### **Profile**

#### **Agricultural Landcover and Primary Crops/Products**

The Kittitas Valley Community Planning Area is located in central Kittitas County. The Yakima River flows through this Community Area with it and many of its tributaries providing irrigation water to agricultural lands within Kittitas Valley. The Columbia River flows on eastern boundary as well.

Landcover	Acres	Percent
<b>Total Community Area</b>	146,051	
Agricultural Landcover	103,345	70.8%
Irrigated Cropland	76,371	73.9%
Irrigated Pasture	22,113	21.4%
Orchard/vineyard	1,942	1.9%
Dryland	104	0.1%
Rangeland – Shrub-Steppe	1,924	1.9%
Rangeland – Forest	891	0.9%

The main type of agricultural practice in this Community Area is irrigated agriculture. Hay is the most prominent crop in Kittitas Valley, specifically timothy hay. Kittitas Valley is known worldwide for producing high quality timothy hay, much of which is exported to the international market. Other crops produced in this area include small grains, seed crops, and vegetables. Orchards and vineyards are concentrated along the Columbia River to the east and southeastern area of the Valley. Additionally, irrigated pasture lands, primarily on the northern half of the Valley, are used for livestock production.

#### Water Resources, Soils, and Terrain

Many irrigation canals and pipelines facilitate water movement in this area and are regulated by water rights. Water availability is a major concern in this Community Area because some years the demand for irrigation water exceeds the supply resulting in prorationing for proratable, or junior, water right holders. This means that the amount of water delivered to junior water right holders is equally reduced based on the total water available. This Community Area is relatively flat with mainly loamy soils which range from silty loam to gravelly loam.

#### **Critical Areas Presence**

There are many mapped wetlands in this area, many of which are associated with the Yakima River and its tributaries and to a lesser extent the Columbia River. Additionally, the Yakima River, Manastash Creek, Taneum Creek, and portions of other tributaries contain habitat for bull trout or summer steelhead. The Yakima River has a relatively wide floodplain through this Community Area especially south of the City of Ellensburg. Additionally, due to its proximity to Ellensburg, this Community Area has the largest overlap with wellhead protection areas. Geologic hazard areas are not prevalent in this area due to the flatness of the Valley.



# Objectives and Key Practices

Protection/Enhancement Objectives	Key Stewardship Practices
<ul> <li>Manage irrigation water so it is delivered, scheduled, and/or applied efficiently</li> <li>Maintain and improve fish habitat including riparian vegetation and fish passage</li> <li>Protect soils from water and wind erosion</li> <li>Manage nutrients and pesticides effectively and efficiently</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fence</li> <li>Sprinkler System</li> <li>Irrigation Water Management</li> <li>Nutrient Management</li> <li>Tree/Shrub Establishment</li> <li>Riparian Forest Buffer</li> <li>Streambank Protection and Restoration</li> <li>Stream Habitat Improvement</li> <li>Structure for Water Control (fish screen)</li> <li>Managed Grazing</li> <li>Wetland Restoration and Enhancement</li> </ul>

### **Attachments**

- Kittitas Valley Community Planning Area Rapid Watershed Assessment Tables
- Kittitas Valley Community Planning Area Baseline Summary Table

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WATERSHED NAME & CODE	INTENSIVE CROPLAND - INTENSIVE CROPLAND				LANDUSE ACRES	103	,345		
LANDUSE TYPE		MIX	(ED		TYPICA	L UNIT SIZE ACRES	4	0	
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION					CALCULAT	ED PARTICIPATION	21	1%	
	Benchmark Conditions	F	uture Condition	าร		RESOURCE	CONCERNS		
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	Total Units	Existing Unchanged Units	New Treatment Units	Total Units	Soil Erosion – Irrigation induced	Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Fish and Wildlife – T & E Fish/Wildlife Species: Listed or Proposed under ESA		
Baseline			S	ystem Rating ->	-1	-1	0	0	
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (ac.) 443	68,208	51,156	0	51,156	-2	-2	0	-1	
Total Acreage at Baseline	85,260	63,945	0	63,945					
Progressive			s	ystem Rating ->	3	4	3	1	
Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (ac.) 450	2,002	1,962	2,558	4,520	3	3	0	2	
Fence (ft.) 382	30,035	29,434	38,367	67,801	0	0	4	2	
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac.) 442	8,009	7,849	10,231	18,080	3	3	0	-1	
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline (ft.) 430	100,115	98,113	127,889	226,003	4	3	0	-1	
Irrigation Water Management (ac.) 449	3,204	3,140	4,092	7,232	0	3	2	2	
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	2,403	2,355	3,069	5,424	0	5	2	1	
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	5	5	6	11	0	0	1	-1	
Total Acreage at Progressive Level	16,018	15,698	20,462	36,160					
RMS			s	ystem Rating ->	4	4	5	-1	
Cover Crop (ac.) 340	6	6	4	10	0	2	1	-1	
Fish Passage (no.) 396	13	13	7	20	0	1	5	-1	
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	2	2	1	3	5	4	0	-2	
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac.) 441	362	362	205	567	5	5	0	-1	
Pest Management (ac.) 595	248	248	141	389	2	1	1	1	
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	103	103	59	162	0	0	2	2	
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	3	3	2	5	0	0	5	-2	
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	21	21	12	32	0	0	5	-1	
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	1,033	1,033	586	1,620	0	1	3	-3	
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	23	23	13	36	1	1	5	1	
Trust Water Rights Program (ac/ft) 999	1,033	1,033	586	1,620	0	0	3	2	
Water Well (no.) 642	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	-1	
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	2	2	1	3	0	1	1	-1	
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	2	2	1	3	0	1	1	-1	
Total Acreage at RMS Level	2,067	2,067	1,173	3,240					

WATERSHED NAME & CODE	INTENSI	VE CROPLAND	- INTENSIVE CR	OPLAND		LANDUSE ACRES	103,345	
LANDUSE TYPE		MIXED		TYPICAL UNIT SIZE ACRES		4	0	
CONSERVATION COST TABLE					CALCULATE	D PARTICIPATION	21%	
	FUTURE		FE	DERAL			PRIVATE	
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	New Treatment Units	Installation Cost 75%	Management Cost - 3 yrs 100%	Technical Assistance 30%	Total Present Value Cost	Installation Cost 25%	Annual O & M + Mgt Costs 100%	Total Present Value Cost
Progressive								
Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (ac.) 450	2,558	\$0	\$268,568	\$80,570	\$329,004	\$0	\$89,523	\$150,105
Fence (ft.) 382	38,367	\$71,938	\$0	\$21,581	\$93,519	\$23,979	\$1,918	\$32,519
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac.) 442	10,231	\$11,510,049	\$0	\$3,453,015	\$14,963,064	\$3,836,683	\$306,935	\$5,203,102
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline (ft.) 430	127,889	\$383,668	\$0	\$115,100	\$498,769	\$127,889	\$10,231	\$173,437
Irrigation Water Management (ac.) 449	4,092	\$0	\$429,709	\$128,913	\$526,406	\$0	\$143,236	\$240,169
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	3,069	\$0	\$138,121	\$41,436	\$169,202	\$0	\$46,040	\$77,197
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	6	\$3,108	\$0		\$4,040	\$1,036	\$41	\$1,220
Subtota	20,462	\$11,968,763	\$836,397	\$3,841,548	\$16,584,004	\$3,989,588	\$597,925	\$5,877,749
RMS								
Cover Crop (ac.) 340	4	\$0	\$792	\$238	\$970	\$0	\$264	\$443
Fish Passage (no.) 396	7	\$15,945	\$0	\$4,784	\$20,729	\$5,315	\$425	\$7,208
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	1	\$180	\$0	\$54	\$234	\$60	\$12	\$114
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac.) 441	205	\$230,928	\$0	\$69,278	\$300,206	\$76,976	\$15,395	\$145,512
Pest Management (ac.) 595	141	\$0	\$8,445	\$2,534	\$10,346	\$0	\$2,815	\$4,720
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	59	\$308	\$0	\$92	\$400	\$103	\$0	\$103
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	2	\$1,663	\$0	\$499	\$2,161	\$554	\$67	\$850
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	12	\$44,866	\$0	\$13,460	\$58,326	\$14,955	\$1,196	\$20,282
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	586	\$39,588	\$0	\$11,876	\$51,464	\$13,196	\$1,056	\$17,896
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	13	\$39,588	\$0	\$11,876	\$51,464	\$13,196	\$1,056	\$17,896
Trust Water Rights Program (ac/ft) 999	586	\$659,793	\$0		\$857,731	\$219,931	\$0	\$219,931
Water Well (no.) 642	1	\$11,151	\$0		\$14,496	\$3,717	\$149	\$4,379
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	1	\$264	\$0		\$343	\$88	\$4	\$104
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	1	\$264	\$0		\$343	\$88	\$4	\$104
Subtota	1,173	\$1,044,536	\$9,237	\$316,132	\$1,369,213	\$348,179	\$22,441	\$439,539
Grand Tota	21,635	\$13,013,299	\$845,634	\$4,157,680	\$17,953,217	\$4,337,766	\$620,366	\$6,317,288

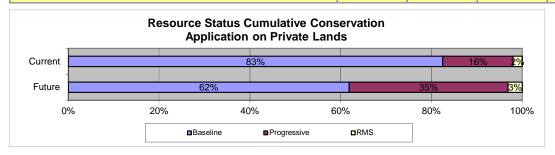


Chart Refers To					
Landuse Type MIXED					
Calculated Participat	21%				

Average PV Costs per Ac						
System Federal Private						
Prog	\$810.47	\$287.25				
RMS	\$1,167.31	\$374.72				

### Kittitas County VSP Work Plan - Kittitas Valley Community Data Summary

Landcover	Acres
Total Area	146,051
Agricultural Landcover	103,345
Irrigated Cropland	76,371
Irrigated Pasture	22,113
Orchard/vineyard	1,942
Dryland	104
Rangeland - Shrub Steppe	1,924
Rangeland-Forest	891
Total Streams (miles)	690

		Areas w	ithin Agricultuı	al Lands	
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total
	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles
Streams Total	671	0	13	6	690
Shorelines of the State	31	0	1	0	32
Fish Use or Potential Fish Use	177	0	3	2	182
No Fish Use	68	0	1	1	70
Unknown (this includes irrigation canals)	395	0	8	4	406
Fish Habitat (PHS)					
Summer Steelhead (ESA threatened)	39	0	1	0	40
Bull Trout (ESA threatened)	16	0	0	0	16
Upper Yakima River Spring Chinook	42	0	1	0	43
Upper Yakima Coho	21	0	0	0	21
Rainbow Trout	102	0	2	1	105
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	24	0	0	0	24
Columbia River Fall Chum	4	0	0	0	4
Columbia River Kokanee	4	0	0	0	4
Columbia River Spring Chinook	4	0	0	0	4
Columbia River Summer Chinook	4	0	0	0	4
Columbia River Coho	4	0	1	0	5
Hanford Reach Fall Chinook	4	0	0	0	4

	Areas within Agricultural Lands						
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres		
Wetlands (all types)	1,878	2	36	17	1,933		
Freshwater Emergent Wetland	1,525	2	29	14	1,570		
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	268	0	5	2	276		
Lake/Pond	55	0	1	0	56		
Riverine	30	0	1	0	31		
Other	0	0	0	0	0		
Frequently Flooded Areas	7,304	8	140	65	7,517		
Wellhead Protection Areas	6	0	0	1	7		
Hazard Slopes	0	0	938	435	1,373		
25% to 50%	0	0	899	416	1,315		
Over 50%	0	0	40	18	58		
Priority Habitats and Species							
Birds							
Spotted Owl	936	52	0	194	1,182		
Black-backed woodpecker	0	1	0	0	1		
Great Blue Heron	11	0	0	0	11		
Mammals							
Mule Deer	1,954	104	3,691	49	5,799		
Elk	1,231	82	1,395	575	3,283		
Bighorn Sheep	49	0	26	0	75		
Townsend's Ground Squirrel	0.3	0	0	0	0		
Reptiles							
Sharp-Tail Snake	0	0	0	14	14		
Oak Woodland	0	0	91	0	91		
Shrub Steppe	37	18	677	0	732		
Biodiversity Areas and Corridor	19	0	129	0	148		
Big Game Area (Watson Rd Cutoff)	206	0	0	40	246		
Waterfowl Concentration	8	0	0	0	8		



### **Forested Upland Community Planning Area**

### **Profile**

#### **Agricultural Landcover and Primary Crops/Products**

The Forested Upland Community Area includes the mainly forested areas northwest of the Kittitas Valley.

Landcover	Acres	Percent
<b>Total Community Area</b>	90,800	
Agricultural Landcover	34,763	38%
Irrigated	82	0.2%
Irrigated Pasture	19	0.1%
Orchard/vineyard	0	0.0%
Dryland	1,420	4.1%
Rangeland – Shrub-Steppe	0	0.0%
Rangeland – Forest	33,242	95.6%

This Community Area includes agricultural practices for dryland farming and forest rangeland. The dryland areas mainly produce wheat or are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Forested rangeland occurs mostly in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains and is characterized by livestock that graze on vegetation underneath the forest canopy. Grazing in these areas often has the additional benefit of reducing fuel for forest fires.

#### Water Resources, Soils, and Terrain

Both the Yakima and Teanaway rivers flow through the Forested Upland Community Area. The terrain in this Community Area ranges from flat in the river valleys to hilly and mountainous in the upland areas. Forests cover a majority of the area and are mainly characterized as open forests with ponderosa pine. Soils are mainly characterized as loam.

#### **Critical Areas Presence**

The Yakima, Teanaway, and Cle Elum rivers provide habitat for fish and wildlife including bull trout and summer steelhead. Additionally, wetland complexes can be found along all three rivers and along many of the tributaries in this Community Area. In addition, all three rivers have designated floodplains, with the Yakima River having the largest floodplain upstream of its confluence with the Teanaway River. Much of this Community Area contains area with steep slopes, especially in higher elevations, but also in areas near the Yakima and Teanaway rivers. Wellhead protection areas can be found throughout the Community Area.

## Objectives and Key Practices

Protection/Enhancement Objectives	Key Stewardship Practices
<ul> <li>Plan intensity, frequency, timing, and duration of grazing to be protective of critical areas</li> <li>Maintain and improve fish habitat including riparian vegetation and fish passage</li> <li>Manage irrigation water so it is delivered, scheduled, and/or applied efficiently</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fence</li> <li>Managed Grazing</li> <li>Watering Facilities</li> <li>Sprinkler System</li> <li>Nutrient Management</li> <li>Stream Habitat Improvement Tree/Shrub Establishment</li> <li>Riparian Forest Buffer</li> </ul>



### **Attachments**

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WATERSHED NAME & CODE FOREST UPLANDS - FOREST LANDUSE ACRES 34,763								
WATERSHED NAME & CODE						· ·		
LANDUSE TYPE	MIXED			TYPICAL UNIT SIZE ACRES		120		
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION					CALCULATED PARTICIPATION		11	1%
	Benchmark Conditions	F	uture Conditior	ıs		RESOURCE	CONCERNS	
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	Total Units	Existing Unchanged Units	New Treatment Units		Water Quality – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water	Plant Condition – Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fish and Wildlife – T & E Fish/Wildlife Species: Listed or Proposed under ESA	
Baseline			S	ystem Rating ->	0	0	0	0
No Conservation Practices being applied at this level	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acreage at Baseline	31,287	27,532	0	27,532				
Progressive			S	ystem Rating ->	5	4	3	1
Channel Stabilization (ft.) 584	232	227	287	514	5	0	1	-3
Fence (ft.) 382	2,897	2,839	3,585	6,424	0	1	1	2
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline (ft.) 430	3,708	3,634	4,589	8,223	5	4	0	-1
Irrigation Water Management (ac.) 449	278	273	344	617	3	5	0	2
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	56	55	69	123	1	3	0	1
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	139	136	172	308	3	-2	0	2
Spring Development (no.) 574	2	2	3	5	2	1	1	2
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	2	2	3	5	0	0	5	1
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	6	5	7	12	0	4	1	-1
Watering Facility (no.) 614	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	-2
Total Acreage at Progressive Level	2,781	2,725	3,442	6,167				
RMS			s	ystem Rating ->	2	4	4	-4
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	1	1	0	1	0	0	4	-2
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac.) 442	49	49	26	74	0	1	0	-1
Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (ac.) 329	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	-1
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (ac.) 643	7	7	4	11	0	5	2	-3
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	1	1	1	2	0	4	2	-2
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	1	1	1	2	0	0	5	-1
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	58	58	31	89	0	0	0	-3
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 645	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	-1
Water Well (no.) 642	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	-1
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	-1
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	-1
Total Acreage at RMS Level	695	695	368	1,064				

WATERSHED NAME & CODE		FOREST UPLA	NDS - FOREST			LANDUSE ACRES	34,	763
LANDUSE TYPE	MIXED		TYPICAL	UNIT SIZE ACRES	120			
CONSERVATION COST TABLE				CALCULATE	D PARTICIPATION	11	%	
	FUTURE		FE	DERAL			PRIVATE	
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	New Treatment Units	Installation Cost 75%	Management Cost - 3 yrs 100%	Technical Assistance 30%	Total Present Value Cost	Installation Cost 25%	Annual O & M + Mgt Costs 100%	Total Present Value Cost
Progressive								
Channel Stabilization (ft.) 584	287	\$19,359	\$0	\$5,808	\$25,166	\$6,453	\$516	\$8,751
Fence (ft.) 382	3,585	\$6,722	\$0	\$2,017	\$8,738	\$2,241	\$179	\$3,039
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline (ft.) 430	4,589	\$13,766	\$0	\$4,130	\$17,896	\$4,589	\$367	\$6,223
Irrigation Water Management (ac.) 449	344	\$0	\$36,136	\$10,841	\$44,268	\$0	\$12,045	\$20,197
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	69	\$0	\$3,097	\$929	\$3,794	\$0	\$1,032	\$1,731
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	172	\$903	\$0	\$271	\$1,174	\$301	\$0	\$301
Spring Development (no.) 574	3	\$5,377	\$0		\$6,991	\$1,792	\$72	\$2,112
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	3	\$8,604	\$0		\$11,185	\$2,868	\$229	\$3,889
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	7	\$3,485	\$0		\$4,530	\$1,162	\$46	
Watering Facility (no.) 614	0	\$215	\$0		\$280	\$72	\$9	\$110
Subtotal	3,442	\$58,431	\$39,234	\$29,299	\$124,022	\$19,477	\$14,497	\$47,721
RMS								
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	0	\$57	\$0	\$17	\$74	\$19	\$4	\$36
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac.) 442	26	\$29,018	\$0	\$8,706	\$37,724	\$9,673	\$774	\$13,118
Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (ac.) 329	1	\$0	\$66	\$20	\$81	\$0	\$22	\$37
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (ac.) 643	4	\$69	\$0	\$21	\$90	\$23	\$5	\$44
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	1	\$696	\$0	\$209	\$905	\$232	\$28	\$356
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	1	\$2,819	\$0	\$846	\$3,665	\$940	\$75	\$1,274
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	31	\$2,073	\$0	\$622	\$2,695	\$691	\$55	\$937
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 645	1	\$0	\$22	\$7	\$27	\$0	\$7	\$12
Water Well (no.) 642	1	\$4,671	\$0	\$1,401	\$6,072	\$1,557	\$62	
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	1	\$124	\$0	\$37	\$162	\$41	\$2	· · ·
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	1	\$124	\$0		\$162	\$41	\$2	\$49
Subtotal	368	\$39,652	\$88	\$11,922	\$51,655	\$13,217	\$1,036	\$17,746
Grand Total	3,810	\$98,082	\$39,322	\$41,221	\$175,678	\$32,694	\$15,532	\$65,467

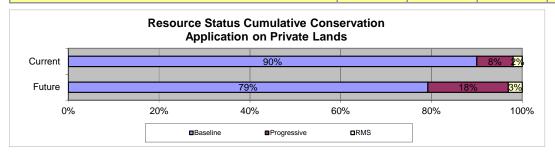


Chart Refers To					
Landuse Type MIXED					
Calculated Participat	11%				

Average PV Costs per Ac							
System Federal Private							
Prog	\$36.04	\$13.87					
RMS	\$140.18	\$48.16					

### Kittitas County VSP Work Plan - Forested Upland Community Data Summary

Landcover	Acres
Total Area	90,800
Agricultural Landcover	34,763
Irrigated Cropland	82
Irrigated Pasture	19
Orchard/vineyard	0
Dryland	1,420
Rangeland - Shrub Steppe	0
Rangeland-Forest	33,242
Total Streams (miles)	198

	Areas within Agricultural Lands					
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total	
	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	
Streams Total	2	13	0	184	198	
Shorelines of the State	1	0	0	13	14	
Fish Use or Potential Fish Use	0	2	0	22	24	
No Fish Use	0	10	0	122	133	
Unknown	0	0	0	27	27	
Fish Habitat (PHS)						
Summer Steelhead (ESA threatened)	1	0	0	13	14	
Bull Trout (ESA threatened)	1	0	0	16	17	
Upper Yakima River Spring Chinook	1	0	0	12	13	
Upper Yakima Coho	1	0	0	7	8	
Rainbow Trout	1	0	0	21	22	
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	1	0	0	17	18	

	Areas within Agricultural Lands						
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres		
Wetlands (all types)	6	5	0	403	414		
Freshwater Emergent Wetland	0	5	0	124	129		
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	6	0	0	260	266		
Lake/Pond	0	0	0	10	10		
Riverine	0	0	0	9	9		
Other	0	0	0	0	0		
Frequently Flooded Areas	0	0	0	808	808		
Wellhead Protection Areas	0	0	0	1	1		
Water Erosion Potential	0	159	0	12,536	12,695		
NRCS Severe to Very Severe	0	148	0	10,408	10,556		
Steep Slopes	0	11	0	2,128	2,139		
Priority Habitats and Species							
Birds							
Spotted Owl	0	300	0	7,068	7,368		
Mammals							
Mule Deer	0	1,400	0	9,261	10,661		
Elk	0	1,400	0	17,603	19,003		
Bighorn Sheep	0	0	0	956	956		
Reptiles	les						
Sharp-Tail Snake	0	0	0	14	14		
Cliff Bluffs	0	0	0	24	24		
Shrub Steppe	0	0	0	116	116		



### **Shrub-Steppe Upland Community Planning Area**

### **Profile**

#### **Agricultural Landcover and Primary Crops/Products**

The Shrub-Steppe Upland Community Planning Area includes areas upland of the Kittitas Valley and along the Columbia River. These areas are characterized hilly terrain with shrub-steppe habitat.

Landcover	Acres	Percent
<b>Total Community Area</b>	208,055	
Agricultural Landcover	90,197	43.4%
Irrigated Cropland	84	0.1%
Irrigated Pasture	308	0.3%
Orchard/vineyard	227	0.3%
Dryland	1,939	2.1%
Rangeland – Shrub-Steppe	81,422	90.3%
Rangeland – Forest	5,121	5.7%

Agriculture in this community area consists of mainly rangeland with a small amount of dryland, irrigated crop- and pasture-land, and orchard/vineyard. Rangelands cover much of this area and often overlap with shrub-steppe habitat. Dryland agriculture only covers of a small portion of this area and is mainly enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. The orchards and vineyards in this area are located in the Yakima River Canyon and grow tree fruit and grapes.

#### Water Resources, Soils, and Terrain

The Yakima River is the only large waterbody that interact with this Community Area, and the river provides irrigation water for the orchards, vineyards, and irrigated cropland located along or near it. Many small creeks and streams run through this Community Area providing water for livestock. The terrain in this area is mainly hilly and dominated by shrubs and grasses with stony or cobbly loam soils.

#### **Critical Areas Presence**

This Community Area does not have a large wetland presence with only a few small wetlands scattered throughout the area. Additionally, the upstream ends of many of the Kittitas Valley streams and many Columbia River tributaries flow through the Shrub-Steppe Upland Community Area. There are many steep slopes in this area, but there is a low presence of landslide hazard areas. This Community Area has a low overlap with wellhead protection areas frequently flooded areas.

# Objectives and Key Practices

Protection/Enhancement Objectives	Key Stewardship Practices
<ul> <li>Plan intensity, frequency, timing, and duration of grazing to be protective of critical areas</li> <li>Maintain and improve fish habitat including riparian vegetation</li> <li>Manage irrigation water so it is delivered, scheduled, and/or applied efficiently</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fence</li> <li>Managed Grazing</li> <li>Sprinkler System</li> <li>Irrigation Water Management</li> <li>Watering Facilities</li> <li>Range Seeding Tree/Shrub Establishment</li> <li>Riparian Forest Buffer</li> <li>Streambank Protection and Restoration</li> </ul>



### **Attachments**

- Shrub-Steppe Upland Community Planning Area Rapid Watershed Assessment Tables
- Shrub-Steppe Upland Community Planning Area Baseline Summary Table

WATERSHED NAME & CODE	SHRUE	SHRUB STEPPE UPLANDS - SHRUB STEPPE LANDUSE ACRES					90,	90,197	
LANDUSE TYPE	MIXED			TYPICAL UNIT SIZE ACRE		240			
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION						CALCULATED PARTICIPATION 18%		8%	
ACCECOMENT IN CHIEFTON	Ronchmark	Benchmark			GALGULAT	LD I ARTION ATION		770	
	Conditions	F	uture Conditior	ıs		RESOURCE	CONCERNS		
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	Total Units	Existing Unchanged Units	New Treatment Units	Total Units	Water Quality – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water	Plant Condition – Productivity, Health and Vigor	Fish and Wildlife – T & E Fish/Wildlife Species: Listed or Proposed under ESA		
Baseline			s	ystem Rating ->	3	3	0	0	
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac.) 442	2,327	1,862	0	1,862	0	5	0	-1	
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline (ft.) 430	48,481	38,785	0	38,785	4	3	0	-1	
Irrigation Water Management (ac.) 449	776	621	0	621	3	-2	0	2	
Total Acreage at Baseline	77,569	62,056	0	62,056					
Progressive			S	ystem Rating ->	5	4	4	0	
Channel Stabilization (ft.) 584	451	433	614	1,047	5	0	0	-3	
Fence (ft.) 382	33,824	32,471	46,057	78,528	0	1	1	2	
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac.) 441	2	2	3	5	5	4	0	-1	
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	216	208	295	503	0	5	0	1	
Pest Management (ac.) 595	216	208	295	503	0	3	2	1	
Range Planting (ac.) 550	1,082	1,039	1,474	2,513	2	1	1	2	
Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (ac.) 329	16	16	22	38	0	0	0	-1	
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	5	4	6	10	0	1	5	1	
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	3	3	4	8	2	4	1	-1	
Watering Facility (no.) 614	3	3	4	6	4	1	1	-2	
Total Acreage at Progressive Level	10,824	10,391	14,738	25,129					
RMS			s	ystem Rating ->	3	5	5	-2	
Fish Passage (no.) 396	2	2	1	3	0	0	4	-1	
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	2	2	1	3	0	1	-1	-2	
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	451	451	302	753	0	5	2	2	
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (ac.) 643	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	-3	
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	2	2	1	3	0	4	5	-2	
Spring Development (no.) 574	4	4	3	6	0	0	0	2	
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	-1	
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	75	75	50	126	0	0	3	-3	
Trust Water Rights Program (ac/ft) 999	90	90	60	151	0	0	3	2	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 645	4	4	2	6	0	4	2	-1	
Water Well (no.) 642	1	1	1	2	1	5	1	-1	
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	3	3	2	5	3	4	1	-1	
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	2	2	1	3	3	4	1	-1	
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 644	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	-1	
Total Acreage at RMS Level	1,804	1,804	1,209	3,013					

WATERSHED NAME & CODE	SHRUE	STEPPE UPLA	NDS - SHRUB S	TEPPE		LANDUSE ACRES	90,	197
LANDUSE TYPE		MIXED		TYPICAL	UNIT SIZE ACRES	2	40	
CONSERVATION COST TABLE					CALCULATE	D PARTICIPATION	18	3%
	FUTURE		FE	DERAL			PRIVATE	
Conservation Systems by Treatment Level	New Treatment Units	Installation Cost 75%	Management Cost - 3 yrs 100%	Technical Assistance 30%	Total Present Value Cost	Installation Cost 25%	Annual O & M + Mgt Costs 100%	Total Present Value Cost
Progressive								
Channel Stabilization (ft.) 584	614	\$41,451	\$0	\$12,435	\$53,887	\$13,817	\$1,105	\$18,738
Fence (ft.) 382	46,057	\$86,357	\$0	\$25,907	\$112,264	\$28,786	\$2,303	\$39,037
Irrigation System, Microirrigation (ac.) 441	3	\$3,316	\$0	\$995	\$4,311	\$1,105	\$221	\$2,090
Nutrient Management (ac.) 590	295	\$0	\$13,264	\$3,979	\$16,249	\$0	\$4,421	\$7,414
Pest Management (ac.) 595	295	\$0	\$17,686	\$5,306	\$21,666	\$0	\$5,895	\$9,885
Range Planting (ac.) 550	1,474	\$99,483	\$0	\$29,845	\$129,328	\$33,161	\$1,326	\$39,066
Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed (ac.) 329	22	\$0	\$1,990		\$2,437	\$0	\$663	\$1,112
Structure for Water Control (no.) 587	6	\$18,423	\$0		\$23,950	\$6,141	\$491	\$8,328
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.) 612	4	\$2,238	\$0		\$2,910	\$746	\$30	\$879
Watering Facility (no.) 614	4	\$2,763	\$0		\$3,592	\$921	\$111	\$1,413
Subtotal	14,738	\$254,031	\$32,940	\$86,091	\$370,593	\$84,677	\$16,567	\$127,961
RMS								
Fish Passage (no.) 396	1	\$2,738	\$0	\$821	\$3,560	\$913	\$73	\$1,238
Heavy Use Area Protection (ac.) 561	1	\$186	\$0	\$56	\$242	\$62	\$12	\$117
Prescribed Grazing (ac.) 528	302	\$1,586	\$0	\$476	\$2,062	\$529	\$0	\$529
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (ac.) 643	1	\$11	\$0	\$3	\$15	\$4	\$1	\$7
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.) 391	1	\$1,142	\$0	\$343	\$1,485	\$381	\$46	\$584
Spring Development (no.) 574	3	\$4,721	\$0	\$1,416	\$6,138	\$1,574	\$63	\$1,854
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (ac.) 395	1	\$2,312	\$0	\$693	\$3,005	\$771	\$62	\$1,045
Streambank & Shoreline Protection (ft.) 580	50	\$3,399	\$0	\$1,020	\$4,419	\$1,133	\$91	\$1,537
Trust Water Rights Program (ac/ft) 999	60	\$67,986	\$0	\$20,396	\$88,382	\$22,662	\$0	\$22,662
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 645	2	\$0	\$73	\$22	\$89	\$0	\$24	\$41
Water Well (no.) 642	1	\$5,745	\$0		\$7,468	\$1,915	\$77	\$2,256
Wetland Enhancement (ac.) 659	2	\$408	\$0		\$530	\$136	\$5	\$160
Wetland Restoration (ac.) 657	1	\$272	\$0		\$354	\$91	\$4	
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.) 644	1	\$0	\$18		\$22	\$0	\$6	\$10
Subtotal	1,209	\$90,507	\$91	\$27,179	\$117,770	\$30,169	\$463	\$32,146
Grand Total	15,947	\$344,538	\$33,031	\$113,271	\$488,363	\$114,846	\$17,030	\$160,108

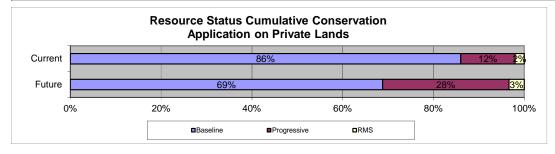


Chart Refers To				
Landuse Type MIXED				
Calculated Participat	18%			

Average PV Costs per Ac							
System Federal Private							
Prog	\$25.15	\$8.68					
RMS	\$97.44	\$26.60					

### Kittitas County VSP Work Plan - Shrub-steppe Upland Community Data Summary

Landcover	Acres
Total Area	208,055
Agricultural Landcover	90,197
Irrigated Cropland	84
Irrigated Pasture	308
Orchard/vineyard	1,323
Dryland	1,939
Rangeland - Shrub Steppe	81,422
Rangeland-Forest	5,121
Total Streams (miles)	420

	Areas within Agricultural Lands				
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total
	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles	Miles
Streams Total	8	7	381	24	420
Shorelines of the State	0	0	4	0	4
Fish Use or Potential Fish Use	2	0	76	5	83
No Fish Use	3	3	139	9	154
Unknown (this includes irrigation canals)	3	4	162	10	179
Fish Habitat (PHS)					
Summer Steelhead (ESA threatened)	0	0	5	0	5
Bull Trout (ESA threatened)	0	0	1	0	1
Upper Yakima River Spring Chinook	0	0	4	0	4
Upper Yakima Coho	0	0	1	0	1
Rainbow Trout	0	0	18	1	19
Westslope Cutthroat	0	0	8	1	9
Columbia River Fall Chum	0	0	2	0	2
Columbia River Kokanee	0	0	2	0	2
Columbia River Spring Chinook	0	0	2	0	2
Columbia River Summer Chinook	0	0	2	0	2
Columbia River Coho	0	0	2	0	2
Hanford Reach Fall Chinook	0	0	2	0	2

	Areas within Agricultural Lands						
Critical Areas	Irrigated	Dryland	Rangeland- Shrub Steppe	Rangeland- Forest	Total		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres		
Wetlands (all types)	4	5	226	14	249		
Freshwater Emergent Wetland	2	2	104	7	115		
Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland	1	2	68	4	75		
Lake/Pond	1	1	31	2	35		
Riverine	0	0	15	1	16		
Other	0	0	8	0	8		
Frequently Flooded Areas	81	0	328	54	463		
Wellhead Protection Areas	0	0	0	0	0		
Hazard Slopes	0	0	24,310	2,208	26,518		
25% to 50%	0	0	22,278	1,834	24,112		
Over 50%	0	0	2,032	374	2,405		
Priority Habitats and Species							
Birds							
Golden Eagle	0	0	100	0	100		
Burrowing Owl	0	0	7	0	7		
Greater Sage Grouse	0	0	2490	0	2,490		
Dusky Grouse	0	0	187	0	187		
American White Pelican	0	0	1	0	1		
Mammals							
Mule Deer	1,040	1,176	49,397	3107	54,720		
Elk	623	705	29,592	1861	32,781		
Bighorn Sheep	225	1,487	11,083	0	12,795		
Townsend's Ground Squirrel	0	0	6	0	6		
Oak Woodland	0	0	184	0	184		
Shrub Steppe	0	1,939	42,142	0	44,081		
Biodiversity Areas and Corridor	388	0	15,391	0	15,779		
Cliffs and Bluffs	0	0	350	0	350		
Talus Slopes	0	0	26	0	26		