



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Hi all – at Farm Fair there was a lot of support for a monthly newsletter with information of potential interest to landowners and their conservation partners. We don't have a format for that newsletter yet, so this will substitute until we can figure it out. Click on the links for more information! If you know someone to add to this distribution list, please contact Ellen Hammond at ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org.

Feb 20-March 12, 10am-11:30am, Tuesdays

Unpacking the Carbon Credit Conundrum

A webinar series for ranchers, farmers and technical service providers

More info at: [Unpacking the Carbon Credit Conundrum Session 1 - Quivira Coalition](#)

Feb 20, 8am-3:30pm, Tuesday

Central Oregon Forage Seminar

4-H Clover Bldg; 502 SE Lynn Blvd; Prineville

Free; no registration required

A day of presentations on the science and practice of hay and forage management in Central Oregon. Topics include irrigation, pest management, ODA updates, and soil fertility survey results.

Learn More:

541-447-6228

<https://beav.es/quL>



Feb 22, noon-2pm, Thursday

Jefferson County Drought Group quarterly meeting

Madras airport; RSVP for lunch (included)

Agenda at: [Drought+Mtg+2024.02.Agenda.pdf \(jeffswcd.org\)](#)

Feb 26, 1pm, Monday

New funding opportunity that's launching this spring in Oregon and Washington.

Zero Foodprint is a nonprofit that leads collaborations with the CA Dept of Food and Ag and CO Dept of Ag to provide resources for producers to implement regenerative and climate smart practices. Their programs have generated and deployed over \$2 million to over 100 farm projects to cover the cost of technical assistance and the implementation of practices like compost application, cover crop planting, reduced tillage and more.

Presently ZFP is expanding to the Northwest and organizing pilot projects which involve matching up implementation funds from the USDA with implementation funds from collaborators like Tillamook, New Seasons Market, Bob's Redmill and Organically Grown Co. and more. Come learn how producers in your network, and the businesses they sell to, can get involved! You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Register in advance: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zySTRaguTX2_hsjMxaiROQ



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March 1, 2-3pm, Friday

OPB's Think Out Loud Show will be at the Bend Riverhouse to discuss water in the Deschutes

Tickets are free but required so they don't exceed room capacity. Doors open at 1:30

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-central-oregon-is-responding-to-ongoing-drought-tickets-827776661277?aff=oddtcreator>

March 19, 2-3:30pm, Tuesday

Sustainability and Resilience

Rural Ingenuity and Infrastructure Innovation

More information: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Powerful change is possible when people work together towards a shared goal. Learn about ways Oregonians across the state in towns and rural communities are innovating and collaborating for on-the-ground solutions to our state's environmental challenges including climate resilience, wildfire recovery, water infrastructure, and access to transportation. This event will showcase collaborative initiatives that are working to protect farmers, ranchers, foresters, rural communities, and Oregon's natural resource economies against climate impacts.

June 11, all day, Tuesday

Soil Health Field Day

Planned for Sean Vibbert's Obsidian Seed Farm at Gateway north of Madras

More details to follow



No date specified

American Farmland Trust is looking for a "soil health successful" row crop farmer in Oregon!

AFT is offering a **\$1,000 stipend** for the qualified farmer to provide necessary data and be featured in a two-page soil health economic and environmental case study, such as these: <https://farmlandinfo.org/publications/soil-health-case-studies/>.

Note that the farmer needs to grow corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, barley &/or other small grains, so not sure how many farmers here might qualify.

