

Coos SWCD Outstanding Cooperator of the Year for 2010: Ed Groves



Elk Creek Ranch: 148 acres located between Myrtle Point and Sitkum on the East Fork Coquille River and the confluence of Elk Creek.

Ed Groves and his family were the Coos SWCD Outstanding Cooperator for the year of 2010. They completed a large scale irrigation efficiency project with the collaborated efforts of the Coos SWCD as well as the Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCS) the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) in order to put in a 50 acre k-line irrigation project on their property. This project was completed in October of 2009. This project was important because this new more efficient irrigating system will use 60% – 70% less water from the Coquille River to water the landowner's fields. Along with all the agencies that took part in the project the Groves family all pitch in to help, including Ed Groves wife Julie and his daughters Emily and Bethany.