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Pullman, WA

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Management Scenarios #2

What is the highest calculated soil loss for this operation? Does this meet NRCS Quality Criteria? What options might the producer consider to reduce soil loss?

What additional crops might the landowner consider incorporating into the current organic rotations? What would be advantages and disadvantages of doing so?

How could invasive blackberry around the homestead be managed?

If the producer decided to expand the windbreak around the homestead, what species might you suggest he consider planting?

Adjacent property will soon come out of the Conservation Reserve Program.

What options might the landowner consider to convert CRP land to an organic production system? How would invasive species like prickly lettuce be managed? Would burning be a management option?

What is the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide score for the existing condition? What might the producer do to meet the target score?

How might wiregrass (*Ventinata dubia*) be managed organically?

How would you describe the impacts of the manure pile managed near the waterway? What approaches could be used address those impacts?

If the producer decided to develop this property which area would be best suited for housing units? Why?

What organic options does the producer have to address problems with voles? Aphids? Lygus bugs (in lentils)?