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Rachel's Remarks

It's finally here! The proposed 2027-31 Action Plan is now available for your review and feedback. Check out the next section for more info. From thousands of residents to dozens of subject-matter experts, incredible ideas are now actionable objectives. OVOF's mission to achieve our region's shared vision is a collective, collaborative effort. Thank you for being a part of the process. Stay engaged as we move from "planning" to "doing"!

Ready, Set, Action Plan



After hearing from thousands of residents, our six Action Teams reviewed all the vision ideas shared and, now, we want to hear from you again. This feedback survey is an opportunity to ensure that the action items proposed for the 2027-2031 Action Plan reflect the vision of our community. Share your feedback by October 30.

Take the Survey

Thank You

CONFLUENCE HEALTH &
WENATCHEE VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP
COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FUND

We are excited to announce we have been awarded a grant from the Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Health Partnership Fund managed by Confluence Health Foundation. This grant will support our **2027 Regional Housing Report.** The report will provide valuable information, updates, and insights for our community, building off our Regional Housing Reports from 2017 and 2022.

Thank you to our partners at Confluence Health, the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group, and Confluence Health Foundation for their support.

Get Involved



Save the Date:
Wildfire Symposium



Save the Enchantments

TODAY, October 22nd: 6:00-8:00pm
Snowy Owl Theater, Leavenworth

Thursday, December 10
Wenatchee Valley College

Our last symposium of the year is focused on Wildfire Resilience and Post-Fire Recovery. Join us as we hear from experts as we look back at the 2026 season, explore what long-term recovery looks like for impacted families and the land, and more.

Registration will open later this month.

Join TREAD and the new Enchantments Alliance to discuss what's happening, why it matters, and what we can do about it. During the event, attendees will explore the tension between wilderness protection and access, the growing demands on the Forest Service, and a path forward that brings conservationists, recreationists, businesses, government, and the community together.

Learn More

Give NCW Turkey Trot

The annual Give NCW Turkey Trot launches and supports the community-wide giving campaign. Sign up to run, walk or volunteer and join us on Thanksgiving Day!

The Community Foundation of NCW supports over 100 non-profits with Give NCW, now in its 11th year. Stay tuned for more details and how to support Our Valley Our Future and other non-profits.

Give NCW Turkey Trot



Waste Wizard - Wizzle

Sustainable NCW has launched a new public education campaign featuring a marmot mascot named **Wizzle** to help Chelan and Douglas county residents better understand recycling and waste disposal options.

Check out the Waste Wizard today to help you recycle, repurpose, donate, or properly dispose of any material.

Waste Wizard



Healthcare Experience Survey

We're helping Confluence Health share their Patient Voice Collaborative Survey, open **October 5–26**. Share your healthcare experiences and help shape the future of healthcare technology and services.

Take the Survey



Ballots are out

A friendly reminder to take the time to review your voter pamphlet and fill out your ballot. Mail or return to a drop box no later than **November 3**.

Steve's Reading Recommendations

- **How data centers are overwhelming small-town America** (The Oregonian)
- **Agricultural 'guest workers' describe their lives and ambitions** (Pacific Northwest Magazine)
- **CWU survey: Artificial intelligence in the classroom** (Washington State Standard)
- **Scientists warn of another unseen risk From wildfire: Ozone** (The New York Times)
- **Washingtonians more likely to attend community college during downturns** (The Seattle Times)
- **Washington immigrants continue traditional Barbacoa, despite threats of deportation** (KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio)
- **Trump aims to shift homelessness grants toward addiction treatment, enforcement** (Washington State Standard)

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