



Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation DNR Fisheries Program Project Semiannual Report Project: Grande Ronde Subbasin Fish Habitat Restoration

Period: January – June 2011



Project Statement/Goal: To protect, enhance and restore functional, healthy and sustainable floodplain, channel and watershed process for the purpose of protecting and restoring fisheries and aquatic species in the Grande Ronde Subbasin.

Project Objectives: Specific project objectives are developed to address habitat limiting factors determined during baseline surveys and assessment. Objectives for reporting period are directed towards planning/design of new projects in preparation for implementation.

Project Inputs:	Funding	11 Budget	Total Staff	New 2011 Staff
	BPA	\$730,075	3 bios; 2 seasonal techs	seasonal technicians
	BPA/GRMW	\$Pending		

Outputs:

- Project development including coordination, survey, design, permitting, and monitoring on projects scheduled for implementation during 2011-2013 including:
 - Catherine Creek (Yeargain) , activation of historic meander channels and addition of large wood along approx 1 mile of mainstem Catherine Creek.
 - Willow Creek (OAF Trust Lands), activation of historic channel meanders, streambank bioengineering, floodplain restoration, instream large wood along 3.5 miles of Willow, Dry, Fir, and Coon Creek.
 - Rock Creek (Bean Ranch), 15 miles of fishing bearing stream. Project includes large wood additions, activation of historic channel scrolls, road obliteration, development of riparian fencing and off-channel water sources.

Outcomes:

- Secured landowner agreements for Catherine and Willow Projects through project partners (GRMW and USWCD) and negotiated conservation easement on Rock Creek Project (pending signatures).
- Positioned CTUIR to proceed with land acquisition planning on two parcels along mainstem Grande Ronde River. Initiation of land acquisition process pending completion of BPA/ISRP /CTUIR Accord land acquisition review.

Impacts:

- Contribute to achievement of healthy watersheds (DNR River Vision) and increased traditional first food abundance and use opportunities.
- Contribute to achievement of Subbasin Plan and ESA Recovery Plan goals.
- Assist in recovery of Endangered Species Act subject species (spring/summer chinook, summer steelhead, bull trout)
- Address water quality limiting factors as per Clean Water Act 303d list

Rock Creek Project



Willow Creek Project



Catherine Creek Project