

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

Period: January 1 – June 30, 2015



Project Inputs:	Funding	13 Budget	Total Staff	New 2015 Staff
	BPA	\$1,608,828	3 Bios; 2-4 seasonal techs	1 permanent Biologist to be hired in 2015
	BOR	\$176,638		

Project Statement/Goal: 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 Basin.

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.

Outputs (specific 6-mo task accomplishments):

- Completed CTUIR-BPA FY15 SOW and Budget.
- Completed FY15-2018 BOR Funding Agreement SOW and Budget.
- Continued project monitoring.
- Continued planning and design on Catherine Creek Projects (CC44, CC43, and CC42), Rock Creek Phase 3, Bird Track Springs, Upper Grande Ronde Starkey Projects.
- Continued pre-acquisition and due diligence work on acquisition projects (Cunha Dark Canyon Creek Easement, Southern Cross Acquisition, and Lookingglass Acquisition.
- Continued participated in strategic planning with BPA, BOR, and other partners to develop prioritization and ranking matrix for fish habitat priorities through process commissioned by BPA (Atlas Process) for Catherine Creek and Upper Grande Ronde Watersheds.
- Participated in collaborative process with watershed partners to develop OWEP FIP and NRCS RCCP funding applications.

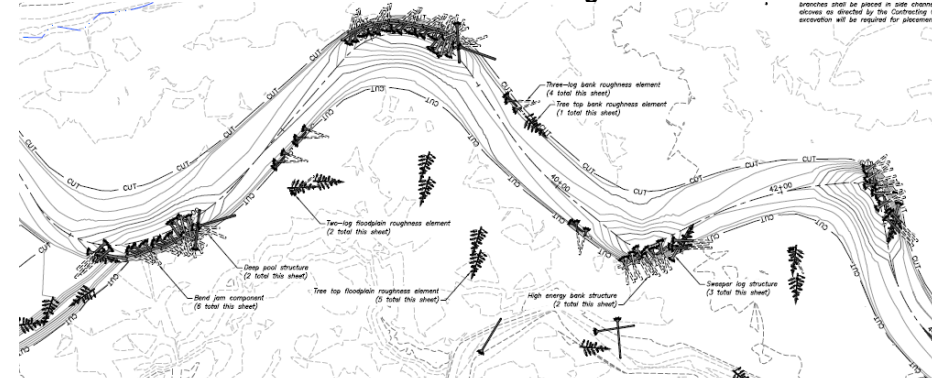
Outcomes (progress and trends resulting from outputs):

- Improved instream habitat diversity and complexity along Catherine Creek, Rock Creek and mainstem Grande Ronde Rivers.
- Progress on land/easement acquisition planning with pending acquisitions on Catherine Creek, Dark Canyon/Meadow Creek, and Lookingglass.
- Collaboration with basin partners in evaluating Catherine Creek and Upper Grande Ronde Watershed and developing basis from which to finalize Atlas project ranking and prioritization plans.
- Increased funding and collaboration through OWEP FIP and NRCS RCCP Programs.

Impacts (long-term accomplishments and vision):

- 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

Catherine Creek, RM 43, Fish Habitat Restoration Design



Catherine Creek on Southern Cross Acquisition Property Viewing Downstream