

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

Period: January 1 – December 31, 2016



Project Inputs:	Funding	16 Budget	Total Staff	New 2016 Staff
	BPA	\$1,681,312	3 Bios; 1 Tech 3, 2-4 seasonal techs	1 permanent Biologist
	BOR	\$176,638		

Catherine Creek, RM 44, Southern Cross Conservation Property
Fish Habitat Restoration



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 FY16 SOW and Budget.
- Continued fish habitat project planning and development under FY15-2018 BOR Funding Agreement SOW and Budget.
- Continued project monitoring.
- Planned and coordinated fish salvage operations for CC44 project construction.
- Administered Year 1 Construction CC44 Southern Conservation Property
- Completed channel design on Rock Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement Project.
- Participated in planning and design for Bird Track Springs Fish Habitat Restoration Project.
- Continued evaluation of acquisition properties in Grande Ronde Basin.
- Continued custodial activities on CC44 Southern Cross Conservation property.
- Completed fence designs and preparations for construction on CC44 and Cunha Dark Canyon conservation easements.
- Continued development of habitat restoration concepts on CC42 project.
- Continued participation in Grande Ronde Atlas planning and Catherine Creek Atlas Implementation Team.
- Continued participation on GRMW Board of Directors and Technical Review Team.
- Participated on BiOp Expert Panel
- 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 OWEB 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