
WEITAS CAMPGROUND RESTORATION

RAC PROJECT NO: 04-011

RAC FUNDS

BUDGETED: \$24,500

EXPENDED: \$24,500

BALANCE: \$0

PROJECT PLAN

The project goals were to remove hazard trees, complete cleanup, and provide some minor traffic control features to enable the campground to be reopened to public use. The campground had been closed for several years due to a falling-tree hazard resulting from widespread root disease.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

A service contract was advertised for removal of the trees in late spring, 2005. Several contractors toured the site with FS representatives prior to bidding. Four proposals were received with bids ranging from \$24,739 to \$207,000. The contract was awarded to Brent Richardson of Orofino.

Work began in early August and was completed in early September. Trees were felled by sawyers and tractor skidded. Partial loads were hauled across the bridge over the North Fork due to a reduced bridge load limit. Full loads were assembled and the logs were transported to Three Rivers Lumber in Kamiah.

Slash cleanup had to be done to a high standard because of the campground location and most slash was hauled by truck to a nearby pit and piled for later burning. The contractor placed barrier logs, rocks, and some gravel to define the camping areas. The Forest Service followed up with some additional rock work, gravel and seeding. Because of deep dust with the potential to become deep mud after the first rain, the campground was not reopened in the fall of 2005 but will reopen in the spring.



During Felling



Loading Slash

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Rock Barriers and Gravel



Completed Unit



Aerial View After Hazard Tree Removal

FUTURE PROJECT

The RAC so far has authorized this first phase of a multi-year project. The Forest Service will work on a survey and design of an improved campground that will include units on both sides of the river over the next couple years. We expect to pursue funding from several sources including the FS capital investment program, the RAC, and state RV grants to complete the reconstruction once the design and environmental analysis is completed.

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