

Nez Perce National Forest FY07 RAC Project Status

02-032 Restore Gold Lake Creek – Scott Russell

Agreements with Nez Perce Tribe are being executed and planned restoration will be completed this year.

03-012/04-005 Adams House Restoration – Cindy Schacher

Planned restoration will be completed this year.

04-022 Meadow Creek Slide Stabilization – Darcy Pederson

Plans to stabilize this rotational slump have been re-evaluated following a “plan in hand” site visit. The project is on hold and the site will be monitored. This project was originally awarded \$13,000, and monies can be freed up for higher priority work at the RAC’s discretion.

05-001 Elk City Wagon Road – Laura Smith

Improvements have been completed.

05-006 Clean Slate Restoration – Joe Bonn

Project Completed

05-012 Wilderness Airstrip Weeds – Howard Lyman

Project Completed

05-014 Bryan Mtn Loop Trail – John Fantini

Project completed.

06-004 – North West Youth Corps – District Managers

Project completed.

06-005 False Creek Channel Rehab – Wayne Paradis

This project was authorized for \$75,000 in RAC funds, to first fund the design work, with any balance going to implementation. The design for this project is complete and cost \$23,000.00. The Forest will implement the project via contract this year using the remaining RAC funds (\$52,000).

06-006 Sediment Monitoring S. Frk. Clearwater River – Nick Gerhardt

FY06 work completed. See Project 07-031.

06-008 Idaho County Noxious Weeds – Lynn Burton

Project completed and closed out, fall of 2006.

06-009 Little Slate Stand Exams – Megan Moynihan

The contract has been awarded and exams will be conducted in August.

06-016 Rd 9301 to Trail Conversion – John Fantini

(Update will be provided at 7/24 meeting)

06-032 Idaho Project Learning Tree – Laura Smith

Agreement executed with Idaho Forest Products Commission that will provide for full use of approved funds for education and information on forest products, ecology and forest management.

06-039 Clean Slate/ Buckshot Restoration – Joe Bonn

Contract awarded 8/25/06. Approximately 60- 70% of the contract performance is completed at this time. Completed work includes wall construction, most of the drainage (culvert upgrades), reconditioning of roadway, and localized stabilization treatments. Application of aggregate surfacing is underway (approximately 20% complete). Remaining work includes: finish application of aggregate surfacing (expected by July 31 2007); installation of slide creek culvert (stream simulation due to begin July 9, 2007); installation of instream structures (to perform during instream window July 1 to August 15, 2007).

07-030 Relief Creek Culverts and Crossing Improvements – Scott Russell

Relief creek culverts and crossing improvements are under contract. They are scheduled for completion during the instream window 2008.

07-031 South Fork Mainstem Monitoring – Nick Gerhardt

In the 2006 funding cycle, the RAC funded monitoring of water quality, channel morphology and fish habitat on the mainstem South Fork Clearwater River. Monitoring of suspended and bedload sediment commenced in April, 2006. This phase of the monitoring was conducted by employees of Framing Our Community of Elk City, Idaho. Samples were analyzed by the Elk City Water Lab. This monitoring continues to date in 2007.

Monitoring of channel morphology and fish habitat commenced in August, 2006. Five reaches were sampled over a three week period. These data were collected by employees of Framing Our Community, the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Nez Perce National Forest. Data reduction is ongoing by the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute and the Nez Perce National Forest. Data collection for 2007 is scheduled to occur during the first two weeks of August.

The RAC has funded this monitoring for the year 2006 through 2008. An additional request is being submitted to fund the monitoring for 2009 and 2010. If funded, this would complete five years of monitoring, including production of a summary report. If 2009 and 2010 are not funded, a summary report would be completed for the years 2006 through 2008.

07-032 Crooked River, 5 mile to Orogrande – Nick Gerhardt

The initial construction cost estimate for this stream reach was \$185,000. This is the amount that was requested and funded. The construction cost of the final design was actually \$310,000. The additional \$125,000 needed to meet the final design cost estimate is being requested in the 2008 funding cycle.

It is anticipated that the construction contract will be awarded in September, 2007. If additional funding is not secured, the scope of the construction contract will be reduced to match the available funds. Instream construction is expected to commence in 2008, with completion of the contract in 2009.

07-033 - Idaho County Weeds Project – Lynn Burton

Idaho County Weeds Project is well underway with Idaho County having the crew hired, trained, and currently spraying the identified roadside weeds. The county has been a major supporter of the TERRA and FACTS programs. The Forest and County are down loading their treatment data from data recorders weekly. The County should have no problem meeting their objectives by fiscal year end. The necessary agreements are in place with the necessary funding identified as well.