

In the end:
We will conserve only that
which we love; We will love
only that which we under-
stand; We will understand
only that which we have
learned.

-Baba Dioum



Photo by John Hutmacher

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Respect the River

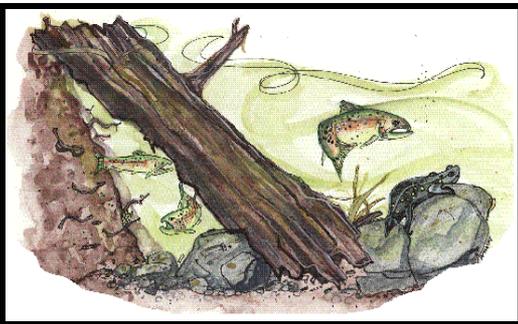
The Program

Respect the River is a multi-faceted restoration and education program designed to balance the need for preservation of riparian and flood prone areas with the needs of the public. Friendly to both fish and people, Respect the River works on four fronts:

**Partnerships, Stewardship,
Restoration, and Monitoring**

Partnerships

The Respect the River program relies on partners to ensure success in restoration and education efforts. Partners include community volunteers, businesses, recreation groups, youth groups such as 4-H and Girl Scouts, counties, state and federal agencies, and more. Combined efforts provide a consistent Respect the River ethic across the Pacific Northwest.



Stewardship

Since the program began 10 years ago, numerous educational materials have been produced to convey the Respect the River stewardship message. Materials include:

Interpretive Signs, Posters and Graphics

Newspaper and Radio Ads

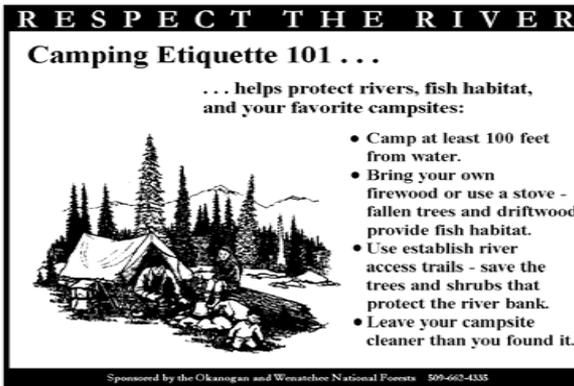
Restaurant table tents, placemats and coloring sheets

Anti-mud Boggging Video and Brochures

Camping Etiquette Brochures

Camping With Stock in Salmon Country Brochures

Methow Valley Special Fishing Regulations Guide



Newspaper Ads including the one above are available electronically on the Respect the River CD

A volunteer **River Stewards** program has been created that works with all aspects of the Respect the River program. Volunteers take part in site inventories, site restorations, and handing out Respect the River materials to campers and forest visitors.



One of many restored Chewuch River sites

Restoration

Innovative treatments have been designed to protect and restore fragile or disturbed areas. Aesthetically pleasing signs, buck and pole fences and boulders are used to keep vehicles off of unstable stream banks while allowing access to the river by foot. Other measures include trail and roads reduction, and revegetation of denuded areas with native plants.

Monitoring

A monitoring protocol was developed in order to identify areas in need of protection and/or restoration and to measure the success of the Respect the River program. Monitoring forms and databases were created to capture "before" and "after" conditions of sites. A **contact ranger** program was developed to share Respect the River education materials with the public and to gather information about site users through a social survey protocol.