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Middle Branch LeClerc Creek Road Decommissioning Fisheries, Engineering, Watersheds Programs FY2012 Accomplishments Colville National Forest, Pacific Northwest Region

State: Washington

Congressional District: 5th

Accomplishments:

- Reduced fine sediment delivery, restored instream habitat, and reopened fish passage to over 6 miles of stream;
- 2.6 miles of riparian road decommissioned, 4 fish blocking culverts removed, 2.3 miles of non-riparian road constructed.

Forest Service Contribution: \$263,000

Partner Contribution: \$219,000 total
(\$197,000 Washington Salmon Funding Recovery Board, \$22,000 Kalispel Tribe)

Project Costs: \$482,000

External Partners:

Kalispel Tribe and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Internal Partners:

Fisheries, Engineering, Watersheds.

The Colville National Forest, in collaboration with key partners, restored habitat quality and fish passage to the Middle Branch of LeClerc Creek. This project was identified as an Essential Project in the Watershed Restoration Action Plan.

This partnership project was high priority due to the significant benefits gained through the decommissioning of the riparian road to bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout. The project is located in designated critical habitat for bull trout.



Decommissioned road along the Middle Branch LeClerc Creek.



Restored site of former road crossing with fish blocking culvert benefitting bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout.

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