

13330-2011-099 Middle Fork LeClerc Creek Fish Passage and Habitat

State(s): Washington

Managing Agency/Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Type of Organization: Federal Government

Project Status: Completed: Completed

Project type: Community Project

Project action(s): Fish passage, Watershed, In-stream and riparian habitat

Trout species benefitted: Bull Trout

The importance to the Resource: This project has been identified by the Pend Oreille Salmon Recovery Plan

The problem:

The Draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan (2002 – Chapter 23) lists elimination of fish passage barriers in the Pend Oreille Core Area as an action needed to recover bull trout. Middle Branch Leclerc Creek, at the project location, is designated bull trout critical habitat (2004).

The objective:

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The method:

NEPA and all permits has been completed for this project as part of the Phase 1 portion. Design is complete. The work will be done by County forces. Pend Oreille County is responsible for actually doing the work and completing the project. Construction is scheduled for the next fish window, July 15-August 31, 2011.

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Partners:

- Pend Oreille Co., State of Washington, Private Landowners
- Safe and Secure Rural Schools and Roads Title II
- Seattle City Light

Project cost: \$262,000.00

Start Date: 07/01/2011 **Completion Date:** 10/31/2012

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