61330-2007-840 Stoney Creek, Montana, Barrier Removal for Westslope cutthroat trout

State(s): Montana  
Managing Agency/Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Type of Organization: Federal Government  
Project Status: Completed  
Project type: WNTI Project  
Project action(s): Fish passage, Watershed, In-stream and riparian habitat, Genetic diversity  
Trout species benefitted: Westslope Cutthroat  
Population: Stoney Creek Ninemile R. Clark’s Fork Basin

This project will replace one fish passage device and remove two fish passage barriers that prevent connectivity of resident Westslope cutthroat trout. as a result a seven-mile stretch of Stoney Creek will be re-connected.

Stoney Creek supports one of two remaining pure Westslope Cutthroat trout populations in the Ninemile watershed. Fragmented and at risk due to cumulative impacts of road culverts and irrigation diversions, the population viability of the population will be enhanced by re-connecting seven miles of Stoney Creek.

Objectives:
- Install one new fish passage device, remove two fish movement barriers

Partners:
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Dept.
- U.S. Forest Service

Funding Source(s):  
- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: $120,900.00  
Start Date: 06/01/2009 Completion Date: 10/29/2010