

Selway Meadows Fish Barrier Project Final Report

SELWAY MEADOWS. Utilizing WNTI and other partner funds, a barrier was constructed on Selway Creek, Montana. The goal of this project was to construct a fish barrier. All non-native fish would be removed upstream. Once the piscicide treatment is completed (planned fall 2021), the upstream reach will be stocked with pure Westslope Cutthroat Trout from genetically diverse, and unaltered aboriginal populations of 25,000 individuals to occupy the 48 miles of stream upstream of the barrier.

The WNTI proposal was to assist in funding barrier construction. Barrier construction commenced during the summer, 2020 and was completed in late September 2020.



Laying a good foundation is important for long-term retention of constructed fish barriers. Here workers are placing reinforcing steel rods in the foundation of the Selway Creek fish barrier. Photo: Matt Jaeger, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

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Near completed barrier prior to fill. Photo: Matt Jaeger, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.



Forming up the walls following the completion of the foundation. Photo: Matt Jaeger, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

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With the side-walls and barrier completed and the backfilling finished, the stream channel is reestablished prior to returning flows. Photo: Matt Jaeger, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks