

Baker Creek Culvert & Fish Ladder Removal

Grants and In-Kind Funding: \$154,138

Partners: BLM-Coos Bay, USFWS, ODFW, Plum Creek/Weyerhaeuser, Port of Coquille, CWA Board & Council Volunteers



Phase II of this project represents a significant opportunity to restore habitat connectivity to a crucial cold-water tributary of the South Fork Coquille River and improve adult salmonid access to spawning areas upstream of the project site. Elevated water temperature (and limited cold water refugia) has been identified as a key limiting factor for Coho Salmon populations in the Coquille River watershed (Coquille River Sub-basin Plan, Coquille Indian Tribe, 2007).

The objectives for the project are to secure the engineering and designs to remove the existing obsolete fish ladder, culverts and associated fill, place large wood/boulders in the stream channel, armor/improve upstream bridge pilings to ensure that the culvert removal will not cause bridge or access road failures and rehabilitate disturbed areas with proper erosion control measures including replanting with native trees and shrubs. At this time, we have secured funding but are waiting for the new landowner, Weyerhaeuser, to review the project and engage in the process.