

Steel Creek Aquatic Habitat & Watershed Improvement

Grants and In-Kind funding: \$74,500

Partnerships: BLM- Coos Bay, USFWS, Coquille Indian Tribe, Timber companies

Project Description:

- Steel Creek is a highly productive tributary of the East Fork Coquille River
- The Steel Creek drainage is 2,646 acres
- Approximately 1,569 acres are BLM managed
- Steel Creek contains approximately 5.3 miles of anadromous fish habitat, of which 2.75 miles are Coho salmon habitat
- Currently, Steel Creek is an Oregon Department of Environmental Quality-listed (DEQ 303-d) for biological criteria
- Restoration in this watershed will result in
 - improved water quality and quantity
 - improved fish & wildlife habitat
 - public awareness about watershed health, which aligns with our mission of whole-watershed restoration
- To date, restoration activities have included road decommissioning and in-stream wood placements

