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This workbook contains **habitat functions** data downloaded directly from the Taurus database. Functions include those documented during the **Look Forward** process covering the **2016-2018** work window for steelhead.

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| Snake River Steelhead | Big, Camas, and Loon Creek | MLS1A | Lower Big Creek | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 100.00% | 95 | 95 | 95 | 96 | 95 | 96 | LOC rating of 4) Lower Big Creek is completely encompassed within the Frank Church Wilderness area. Sediment sources for this area would be limited to trails, private in holdings and historic mine sites. The lower BC AU is as close to pristine as you can get in the lower 48 states. Restoration work occurring upstream in the Upper BC AU could have positive impacts in the lower BC. There are no current restoration plans for this AU. | Minor trails and old mines in mostly pristine condition 2016: no actions, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | Big, Camas, and Loon Creek | MLS1B | Upper Big Creek | 1.1: Habitat Quantity: Anthropogenic Barriers | 20.00% | 85 | 85 | 85 | 89 | 87 | 89 | LOC Rating of 3) There are 7 identified fish (CH and ST) passage barriers and 1-3 diversion barriers in this watershed. We have three AOP projects proposed in the look forward before 2018. | Barriers are not as important to Chinook as they are steelhead; 7 identified passage barriers and 1-3 diversion barriers 2016: no actions, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | Big, Camas, and Loon Creek | MLS1B | Upper Big Creek | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 70.00% | 65.2 | 65.2 | 66.7 | 85 | 72 | 87 | LOC Rating of 3)The bulk of the sediment effecting Big Creek watershed is coming from roads followed by mining activities. There are roughly 57 miles of known (keep in mind ongoing surveys can increase this number) nonsystem roads in this watershed. Forty percent of these roads are in Riparian Conservation areas meaning they are close to rivers. There are many obstacles including a current lawsuit that could slow road obliteration in this watershed. Mining habitat restoration will occur in this watershed but due to the large scale size of the mining sites it will take quite some time to fully complete. FS has numerous years of sediment data for this watershed and despite the remote nature of this area is still has unacceptable levels of fines at spawning areas. | Low bookend is less than Secesh based on Forest Service monitoring data. 2016: 2.36 stream miles treated over 140 steelhead bearing stream miles across the assessment unit = 1.5% improvement. Comments updated RM 8/8/2016 based on input from Nez Perce Tribe. |
| Snake River Steelhead | Big, Camas, and Loon Creek | MLS1B | Upper Big Creek | 8.7: Water Quality: Toxic Contaminants | 10.00% | 85 | 85 | 85 | 87 | 86 | 89 | LOC rating or 4)There are several historic mines and one mine site that is currently conducting test pit drilling (Golden Hand) in this watershed. We are looking to do some mine rehabilitation at the Thunder Mountain site to reduce this. | Benefits from Dewey mine and Sunnyside Pit restorations. 2016: no action, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | Secesh River | SES1 | Secesh River | 1.1: Habitat Quantity: Anthropogenic Barriers | 20.00% | 91.4 | 91.4 | 91.7 | 95 | 92 | 95 | LOC ranking of 3)There has been five culverts and one diversion on Zena Creek have been identified for inadequate fish passage potential in this watershed. In 2012 we are replacing Burgdorf Culvert with an AOP structure. In 2017 Jeneatte Creek is slated to be replaced with an AOP structure. AOP culvert engineering designs work have already been completed in Three Mile Creek, Jeanette Creek, Willow Creek and Burgdorf Creek. | Barriers more important in tribs for steelhead than Chinook. Burgdorf, Jeneatte, Willow, and Threemile cks. Five culverts and one diversion (on Zena) have been identified but only two will be resolved. Zena Creek Reservoir? 2016: 0.8 stream miles opened to juvenile steelhead (therefore, prorated to 0.4) relative to the 152.1 steelhead bearing stream miles in the assessment unit=0.3% improvement |

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| Snake River Steelhead | Secesh River | SES1 | Secesh River | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 80.00% | 75.6 | 76 | 76.9 | 87 | 77 | 88 | LOC ranking of 3)Roughly 140 miles of nonsystem roads have been identified in this watershed. Roughly 20 miles are slated for full obliteration, 10 miles in Lake Creek road decomossioning project in 2015 and 10 miles in the Secesh Face project area in 2018. | 20 miles slated for decommissioning of the 140 miles of non system roads. 2016: 2.48 stream miles treated over 152.1 steelhead bearing stream miles in the assessment unit yields 1.30% improvement. The Panel, however, considered this an underestimate because the method relied on GRAPE model, which is focused on chronic road erosion, but does not quantify sediment contributions from episodic events such as road-related landslides, which are expected to be reduced by the road obliteration projects. This is an issue in all assessment units, but particularly in Secesh due to landscape position of roads. Comments updated RM 8/8/2016 based on input from the Nez Perce Tribe. |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1A | EFSF Salmon and Tribs | 1.1: Habitat Quantity: Anthropogenic Barriers | 30.00% | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | LOC rating of 3) There are some large scale fish passage barriers in this watershed. The Glory Hole is a large scale fish passage barrier occuring at the Golden Meadows mine site. It is a waterfall feature created from mining activities that blocks passage to the bulk of the spawning grounds. There are several additional fish passage barriers in this watershed. Due to current mining activities we do not have any work planned in this watershed prior to 2018. Once the mining activities cease numerous restoration projects will need to be implemented in this watershed. | Estimates stay the same due to no restoration performed due to current mining activity 2016: No actions, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1A | EFSF Salmon and Tribs | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 60.00% | 60 | 60 | 63.1 | 63 | 60 | 63 | LOC rating of 3)170 miles of unauthorized (non-system roads)have been identified in this watershed. Because the system road runs along the edge of this river road resurfacing could have a large impact in sediment reduction. Mining activities have produced large area of non-vegetated landscape contributing to this sedimentation. In the past millions of dollars have been spent for mine restoration work in this site resulting in an increase in returning adult Chinook and Steelhead. It has currently been given a lower priority due to ongoing mining activities. Once the mining ceases this watershed has great potential to respond to restoration activities. | Estimates stay the same due to no restoration performed due to current mining activity. If mining activity ceases this watershed has great potential to respond to watershed restoration activities. 2016: 3.032 stream miles treated over 98.5 steelhead bearing stream miles yields an improvement of 3.1% for this limiting factor. |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1A | EFSF Salmon and Tribs | 8.1: Water Quality: Temperature | 5.00% | 80 | 80 | 80 | 81 | 80 | 83 | LOC rating of 3)In the upper EFSR due to mining activities there is very little riparian vegetation due channel modification. Due to this lack of riparian vegetation water temperatures are increased. Reports have shown that some of the tributaries to the upper EFSF are above 16C (daily average) in temperature. This is the temperature where fish and amphibians become stressed. | Estimates stay the same due to no restoration performed due to current mining activity. If mining activity ceases this watershed has great potential to respond to watershed restoration activities. 2016: No actions, therefore no change to estimate |

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| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1A | EFSF Salmon and Tribs | 8.7: Water Quality: Toxic Contaminants | 5.00% | 65 | 65 | 65.3 | 66 | 65 | 67 | LOC rating of 3)This watershed was listed in 1998 as having impaired waterbodies under Section 303(d) of the clean water act. The pollutions of concern are heavy metals associated with mining activities. Restoration activities geared toward reducing these contaminants will resume once the mining activities cease. | Estimates stay the same due to no restoration performed due to current mining activity. If mining activity ceases this watershed has great potential to respond to watershed restoration activities. 2016:Cinnabar Mine Rehabilitation Project (2016): Old mercury mine is a methyl mercury source into Sugar Creek and into mainstem- the River moves through tailings pile. Project will terrace and lay back banks, and phytoremediation in riparian zone; EPA is doing the rest. Risk assessment work is ongoing to assess food web and human health risks. Benefits were calculated by assessing stream miles of reduced toxic conditions = stream miles from mine site down through Sugar Creek = 5.5 miles (based on water sample results); Panel prorated to 5% to account for effect of this part of project, which will not stop all mercury from entering the creek. Midas Gold affects East Fork. Therefore 5% of 5.5 stream miles=0.275. 0.275 stream miles treated over 98.5 steelhead bearing stream miles yields 0.3% improvement. |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1B | Johnson Creek | 1.1: Habitat Quantity: Anthropogenic Barriers | 80.00% | 80.2 | 80.2 | 80.2 | 88 | 85 | 88 | LOC rating of 3)Roughly 14 culverts have been identified as barriers to fish passage in the Johnson Creek Watershed. Two AOP projects are planned in this watershed (Landmark Creek 2016) and Sheep Creek (2018). There are natural barriers that need to be evaluated in the future. | Sheep Creek and Landmark Creek are largest factors. 2016: Unlike Chinook, Cox Creek culverts were counted in look back because the low bookend was not too high. There are no other barrier projects planned for this assessment unit through 2018, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1B | Johnson Creek | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 10.00% | 75.4 | 75.4 | 78.7 | 76 | 75.5 | 78 | LOC rating of 3)There are roughly 30 miles of unauthorized (closed system roads) in the Johnson Creek watershed. Because this area was not logged as heavily as surrounding watersheds there are less unauthorized roads. We are scheduled to decommission 10 miles of roads in the Burntlog area in 2012. In order to reduce sediment further we would need to consider road resurfacing along Johnson Creek road after 2018. | Sedimentation LF weight was raised to 90% to better reflect its impacts 2016: 3.32 stream miles treated over 101.8 steelhead bearing stream miles across the assessment unit yields 3.3% improvement. |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS1B | Johnson Creek | 8.1: Water Quality: Temperature | 10.00% | 75.2 | 75.2 | 75.23 | 76 | 75.1 | 78 | LOC rating of 3)This watershed is listed as an impaired waterbodies under the 2010 Section 303(d) of the clean water act for exceeding temperature standards. Riparian planting can make small temperature changes to tributaries to Johnson Creek. Changes to water temperature in the mainstem Johnson Creek can take years to bring about. | Small increase reflects the planting work completed. Temperature is an issue in Johnson Creek but it is very hard to reduce temperature. LF weight was reduced to 10% 2016: 0.026 treated stream miles relative to 101.8 steelhead bearing stream miles across the assessment unit yields 0.03% improvement |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS2 | Upper SF Salmon Tribs above EFSF Salmon (High Idaho Batholith Tribs - from the headwaters to the mouth of EFSF Salmon) | 1.1: Habitat Quantity: Anthropogenic Barriers | 5.00% | 85 | 85 | 85 | 89 | 88 | 89 | LOC rating of 3) Roughly 4 (PNF) and 13 (BNF) culverts have been identified as barriers to fish passage in the Upper SF. There are ongoing culvert surveys so this number represents a low estimate . A bridge is proposed for 2013 in this watershed. | Add action Rice Ck and Rice Ck trib 3.5 miles Steelhead only 2016: no actions therefore no change to estimate |

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| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS2 | Upper SF Salmon Tribs above EFSF Salmon (High Idaho Batholith Tribs - from the headwaters to the mouth of EFSF Salmon) | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 95.00% | 83.7 | 83.7 | 90.4 | 85 | 80 | 87 | LOC rating of 3)There are roughly 226 known unauthorized (closed system roads) in the upper SF. Due to intensive past logging activities road densities are high in this area. We are looking to actively decommission 60 and resurface 15 miles between work done on the Boise and Payette before 2018. There are numerous system roads contributing to the sedimentation of this system. | Actions benefit Steelhead, Chinook and Bull trout. There are numerous system roads contributing to the sedimentation of the this system. 2016: Two projects from Look Back were carried to the Look Forward due to excessively high low-bookend in the Look Back and no way to credit. Panel took into account road mileage as well as number and connectivity of drain points, topography, road network topology, landslide locations (not automatically quantified in GRAPE, but manually measured and considered). Inventory data show a strong correlation between road network density and number of landslides. USFS Payette Forest landslide study in 1990s identified non-road landslide-prone areas, but since then, road-related slides are seen just as commonly in all areas. Many of the road-related slides are in the RCAs. Chronic road sedimentation (annual rates) can easily be overshadowed by landslide episodes, which contribute large amounts of sediment during the event, and in subsequent seasons. Anticipated projects total 9.864 stream miles treated over 146.7 steelhead bearing stream miles across the assessment unit = 6.7% improvement |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS3 | Lower SF Salmon Tribs below EFSF Salmon (Hot Dry Canyon Tribs - from mouth of EFSF Salmon to mouth of SF Salmon) | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 100.00% | 80 | 80 | 80 | 83 | 82 | 85 | LOC rating of 3)There are roughly 40 miles of unauthorized (closed system roads) in the Lower SF. 10 miles of road to trail conversion on the Davis Ranch Road are planned in this watershed in 2014. | Actions benefit Steelhead, Chinook and Bull trout. 2016: no actions before 2018, therefore no change to estimate |
| Snake River Steelhead | South Fork Salmon River | SSS4 | Mainstem SF Salmon | 7.2: Sediment Conditions: Increased Sediment Quantity | 100.00% | 72.2 | 72.2 | 72.6 | 78 | 74 | 80 | LOC rating of 3)The cumulative effect of decommissioning roads on tributaries to the SFSR will help reduce sediment to the Mainstem SF. Projects like the projected Hamilton Bar road to trail (2014) can reduce sediment from flowing directly into the mainstem SF. Road resurfacing project can also reduce the amount of sediment entering into the SFSR. | Incidental benefit accrued from Secesh, Johnson, EF, SF tribs. After reviewing the work we will performing in this AU we felt the % increase should be slightly higher 2016:0.378787 stream miles treated over 88.7 steelhead bearing stream miles across the assessment unit = 0.4% improvement |