

Preserving The Mining Heritage

Since the 1870s, mining has been a staple of Idaho industry. Stamp mills, placer mines and panning put the Yankee Fork on the map.

The Yankee Fork Rehabilitation Project will work with our partners, landowners, claimholders and the public to benefit the fish and minimize the impact to historic resources.

Yet, no one can ignore that the dredge and historic mining activity changed the natural characteristics of the river and affected spawning activity for native salmon species.

Our aim is to improve natural habitat conditions and fisheries productivity with minimal disturbance to historic cultural resources.



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Balancing Act – Yankee Fork of the Salmon River



Working Together To Bring Back The Fish

Visitors to the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River know it as a special place - with its significant mining past, vibrant scenery, sparkling waters and abundant wildlife. This place possesses special values. It is the rehabilitation of this area that has brought our team of natural resource professionals together.*

Talk to any old-timer and they'll recall wild salmon and steelhead once filled the Yankee Fork's waters. It's our hope to see those days again. The Yankee Fork Rehabilitation Project aims to build and improve habitat for spring and summer Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Yankee Fork watershed.

These efforts may result in a more revitalized fishery for visitors and residents to the area.

We Need Your Help!

We would like to work in your area, but first need your consent. Participation in the Yankee Fork Rehabilitation Project is voluntary. We will work through landowner guidance and consent to provide sustainable solutions that will meet the needs of our partners and our projects using the best science available.



Who Are We?

We're a team of natural resource professionals, working in close partnership with local, state, tribal and federal agencies,* businesses, landowners and sportsmen groups.

We're a partly federally-funded** program whose mission is to build and improve habitat for salmon and steelhead. In the end, we hope that our collaborative efforts will head-off regulatory actions that may affect landowners, the business community, and the public.

Work That We Do - Fish Habitat Rehabilitation

Our goal is to revitalize the Yankee Fork by building and improving habitat for spring and summer Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Yankee Fork watershed. Over the last several years, a collaborative planning effort resulted in assessments and planning documents that focus recovery efforts on areas that have the greatest potential to benefit ESA-listed fish, evaluate the physical and ecological processes, and identifies and prioritizes project actions and alternatives.

We have completed the rehabilitation of two side channels that enhance floodplain and juvenile rearing areas. Two wood loading and instream complexity projects that enhance cover and

channel habitat are under construction. There are two additional projects currently in the design stage that will enhance floodplains, side channels, and pool and riffle habitat features.

Other project areas and alternatives may be developed based on biological benefit, landowner consent, available funding options, and other factors.



Tributary Assessment Area



*The primary partners are: Trout Unlimited as project sponsor, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Bureau of Reclamation, US Forest Service, Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, and Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation.

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