

Dispersed Campsites and Road Decommissioning Project

Project Title: 2007 Dispersed Camping and Day Use Road Restoration Project

Agency: US Forest Service
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Mount St. Helens. Ranger District

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Project Funding:	ACC funding	\$72,000
	FS funding	\$23,000
	Partners funding	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	Project Total	\$98,000

Goals: Close and decommission roads and campsites in riparian areas to decrease illegal fishing by limiting access.

Restore riparian areas that have been negatively affected by people fishing and camping.

Inform people of fishing regulations by placing informational signs on forest roads, and posting informational signs on visitor information kiosks.

Project Description (work completed):

The US Forest Service used ACC funding to supply equipment, operators, and labor for closure and/or decommissioning of 6.75 miles of road in the Lewis River/Muddy River and Clear Creek watersheds.

This project included decompaction of roads to a depth of at least 12”to improve infiltration, installation of water bars to improve drainage, construction of 6’ tall road closure berms to block road and camp site access, and placing one cubic yard or larger boulders to reinforce the berms.

Trash and debris were removed from the forest and properly disposed. Excavated areas were seeded with native seed and mulched with wood straw. Seedlings, shrubs and native grass were planted to restore riparian areas.

Camping sites associated with roads and riparian areas were restored by removing trash, decompacting the surface and planting native trees, shrubs and grass.

Signs describing fishing regulations were placed strategically along FS Road 90, 93, 25, and other locations. Approximately 24 informational signs with bull trout pictures were also created and posted.

Workforce:

Adam Haspiel, USFS Fisheries Biologist
Bryce Michaelis USFS Fisheries Technician

Partners:

Clark Skamania Flyfishers. The Flyfishers identified specific locations for placement of signs, and assisted the Forest Service with installation of signs. They helped identify campsite locations, and clean up campsite areas.

Mount. St. Helens Institute. The Mount. St. Helens Institute helped with monitoring and campsite cleanup.

Washington Department of Fish Wildlife and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife helped with design of informational signs.

Contractors:

Twin Peaks Contracting decommissioned 0.75 miles on the 93 picnic road in 2009 . Campsites were closed and cleaned up, culverts were removed and three road closure berms were built.

Fitzgeralds General Contracting decommissioned 4.6 miles of road in the Middle Lewis and Muddy River watersheds in 2011. Roads were closed and scarified, and trash and campsites were cleaned up.

O'Malley Brothers Corp decommissioned 1.4 miles of road in 2011. Roads were closed, scarified and trash and campsites were cleaned up.

Problems Encountered:

One problem was coordinating multiple projects over a series of years to avoid disrupting the needs of other Forest Service activities while achieving the project objectives to close roads and campsites in a cost effective manner.



Road closure berm at 93picnic road



Series of three road closure berms at 93picnic road



One cubic yard or larger rock and road closure berms with native material at 9300g road



One of 12 road closure berms on the 9300g road



One cubic yard or larger rock and road closure berms with native material at 9300cb road



12" deep decompaction, with seed and mulch at 9300cb road



Excavator placing rock on 9039620 road



12 boulders 1 cubic yard or larger placed on 9039620 road



Road closure berm and boulders placed on 2500970 road



Excavator removing campsites and trash on the 9039250 road



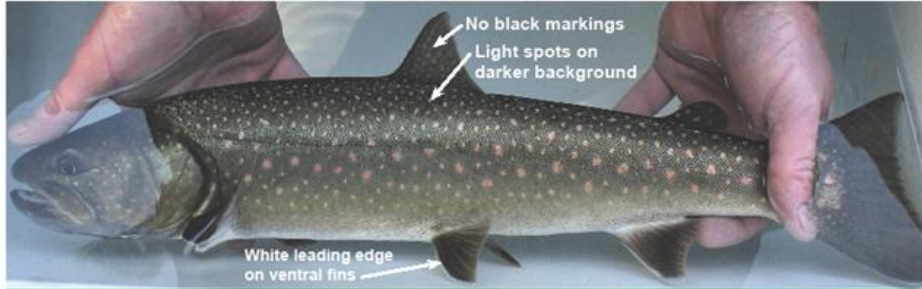
12' deep decompaction with native seed and wood straw mulch on 9039250 road



A combination of 24 signs were placed along FS road 90, 25 and other strategic locations.

RELEASE ME!

Bull trout are scarce in the Lewis River Basin. To protect these native fish, angling regulations require the release of all bull trout caught in these waters.



Bull Trout *Salvelinus confluentus*



Brook trout *Salvelinus fontinalis*



Rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*



Cutthroat trout *Oncorhynchus clarki*

**IF YOU CATCH
A BULL TROUT,
RELEASE IT**

**IF YOU DON'T KNOW,
LET IT GO.**

Killing or intentionally harming a bull trout is a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act, and can result in criminal penalties of up to \$25,000 and up to six months in jail, and/or a civil penalty of up to \$12,500. Contact your local state or federal agency with any information regarding the illegal harvest of bull trout.

877-WDFW-TIP (877-933-9847)

Consult the current Washington Fishing Rules Pamphlet or visit WDFW's website at www.wdfw.wa.gov for up-to-date angling regulations.

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Copies of this poster were posted on informational kiosks throughout the Forest.

