



The Restoration Partnership (Partnership) is made up of the Natural Resource Trustees which includes the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of the Trustees' is to develop and implement a Restoration Plan to restore natural resources and the services they provide that were injured by the release of hazardous substances as a result of historic mining and mining-related activities in the Coeur d'Alene Basin. The following Partnership activities occurred throughout fiscal year 2017 (FY17):

- Finalized the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS), with the Notice of Availability published on the Federal Register on November 10, 2016.
- Provided restoration planning progress updates to numerous community groups throughout the Basin.
- Provided tours of restoration projects throughout the Basin that were completed or implementation was ongoing.
- Coordinated with EPA in their remedial efforts, as identified in the RODA, and continued to coordinate with the BEIPC through the TLG and BEIPC quarterly meetings.
- Developed public outreach plans in preparation for the release of the DPEIS and draft Restoration Plan.
- Maintained the Partnership's website at: [www.restorationpartnership.com](http://www.restorationpartnership.com).
- Prepared the Notice of Availability of the Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

### **Schlepp Agriculture to Wetland Conversion Pilot Project**

The construction and implementation of the restoration project has been completed and ongoing operation and maintenance activities continued in 2017. Spring floods resulted in infrastructure damage, including a large outlet which drains the west field, through a culvert passing under the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's. The infrastructure was repaired in late summer. The USFWS continued to work on the 10-year Operation and Maintenance Plan for the project which with expected completion in early 2018.

### **Robinson Creek**

Wetland restoration work is complete however there will be ongoing noxious weed management and native plantings, which will be monitored with potential re-vegetation to account for natural planting. Water level management will support new plantings, including possible partial drawdowns to stimulate plant community growth and diversity.