



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.
- 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.