



The Restoration Partnership (Partnership) is a collaborative effort comprising the Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustees which are the U.S. Department of the Interior, represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management; the Coeur d'Alene Tribe; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, represented by the U.S. Forest Service; and the State of Idaho, represented by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The Partnership's primary mission is to recover the natural resources that were injured by releases of mine waste contamination, and compensate for lost human use services of those resources by developing and implementing projects under the framework of a Restoration Plan for the Coeur d'Alene Basin. The following Partnership activities occurred throughout fiscal year 2018 (FY18):

- The Partnership published the final Restoration Plan to guide natural resources restoration throughout the Restoration Planning Area, and adopted the final plan through an associated Record of Decision.
- The Partnership also completed the associated Environmental Impact Statement which included the plan's Purpose and Need, identified Alternatives, and described potential effects. The official Administrative Record for the Environmental Impact Statement process was completed, ending the National Environmental Policy Act process.
- Outreach to share information with the public and gather input included:
 - Press releases and email announcements
 - Presentations to more than 15 groups and public meetings
 - Public open houses in Hayden, Osburn, and St. Maries
- The Partnership convened fiscal representatives from each of the Trustees, creating a forum to discuss project accountability and appropriate financial reporting requirements.
- USFS: In June of 2018 the USFS hired a Restoration Biologist, who is a liaison with personnel on the central and south zones of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest as well as the BLM to prepare for upcoming project solicitations in spring and summer of 2019.
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- A sample of agency and government projects was used to evaluate the selection criteria and funding process for the official project solicitation, improving the likelihood of a successful project selection and implementation process.
- The Partnership selected a suite of natural resource restoration projects to pilot the process for implementing the Restoration Plan. The Trustees tested and refined the administrative process for project solicitation and implementation to ensure readiness before soliciting project ideas from the public.
- The agency and government projects used to evaluate the selection criteria were presented to the Trustee Council on June 20, 2018. Funding for the projects was approved through Trustee Council Resolution #44 on July 31, 2018. The projects will begin implementation in FY19.
 - Conservation of wetlands habitat along the Coeur d'Alene River corridor by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
 - Wetland and stream enhancement at Cougar Bay on Coeur d'Alene Lake by the Bureau of Land Management.
 - Development of a native riparian plant nursery by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
 - Wetlands enhancement at Hepton Lake near the St. Joe River by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
 - Projects for the replacement of tribal cultural services (fish and culturally significant plants) in the Hangman Creek Watershed by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
 - Coeur d'Alene Lake monitoring, modeling, and outreach by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.
 - Wetlands restoration planning at Black Lake Ranch by Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

For more information on the Partnership, the Plan or the projects, please visit our website at: www.restorationpartnership.org.