

Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers



ANNUAL REPORT: FY 2015 - 2016

Working with willing landowners to improve water quality and fish habitat throughout the Umpqua Basin

Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters,

At the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers we are dedicated to improving and restoring fish habitat and water quality throughout the Umpqua Basin. The past year has flown by and as we look at all of our accomplishments, it is a wonderful reminder of how special our work is and how fortunate we are to be able to give back to our watershed in such an amazing way.

The Staff and our partners continue to forge ahead with several large scale, multi-year restoration projects, our Monitoring Program continues to work collaboratively throughout the basin and the state to monitor the waters of the Umpqua.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you out in the Umpqua this coming year.

Walt Gayner
Board President

Eric Riley
Executive Director

Mission Statement

Through collaboration with diverse participants, the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers maintains and improves water quality & fish populations from source to sea in the streams of the Umpqua.

We educate people about the value of healthy streams; we work with willing landowners to improve stream conditions; we monitor the health of the streams and their fish populations.

Through these actions the Partnership contributes to the ecological and economic well-being of the basin.

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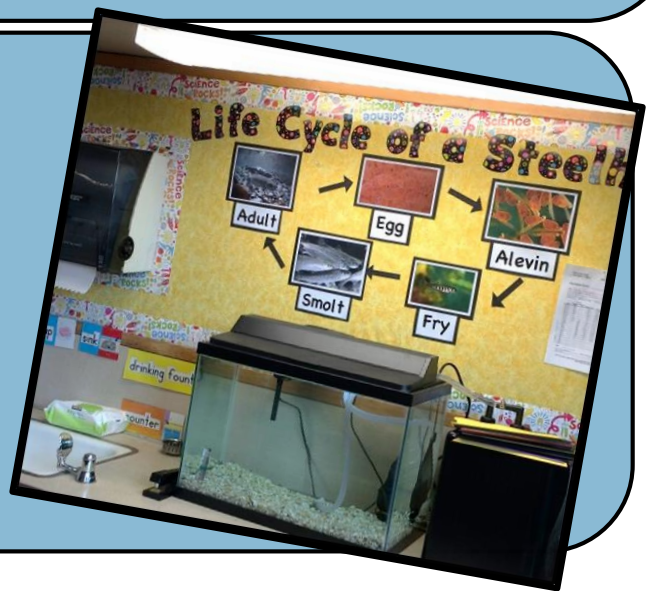
M.A. Hansen
Landowner. At-Large

Annual Accomplishments & Highlights



The West Fork Cow Creek 5th Field Restoration Project kicked off in earnest in 2015 and early 2016. The collaborative effort includes several stakeholders and partners all working together to develop a watershed action plan that prioritizes restoration throughout the 5th field watershed. Survey work was completed to finish the action plan and two instream projects are scheduled for the summer of 2016. Look for this project to be in future reports!

The Fish Egg to Fry Program continued in 2016 with PUR working in 10 classrooms around Douglas County. Classrooms were taught about the salmon/steelhead life cycle and were able to incorporate this project into their science and math programs. This is an ongoing project and PUR is pleased to continue partnering with ODFW and local students.



The Rice Creek Restoration project began this year with the design and placement of two livestock bridges on a private ranch. This is the first phase of restoration work on this property, which will be followed by instream restoration in 2017. PUR continues to work with multiple landowners in this watershed to develop a whole-watershed scale restoration effort.

Annual Accomplishments & Highlights (cont.)

Days Creek and Woods Creek Fencing project was completed on private ranch lands. This project focused on restricting livestock access to the creeks while improving livestock management on the property. This project partnered the landowner with PUR and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



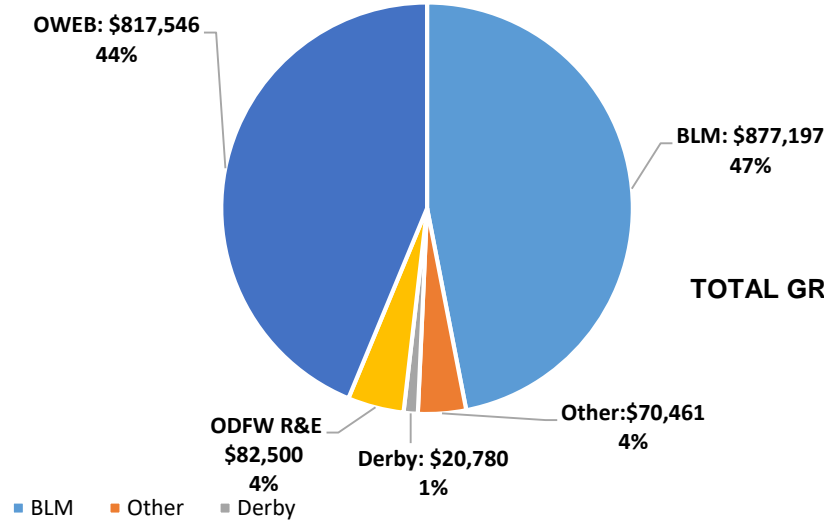
The ongoing partnership between Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Roseburg District BLM in the Rock Creek Watershed continued this year with the placement of logs and boulders in Harrington Creek. The focus of this year's effort was in the side channels to improve overwinter habitat for juvenile salmonids. This project augments previously completed restoration work.

An adult Coho Salmon using large wood as cover on its spawning journey. This photo was taken at a site of a previously completed project. It is always good to see our structures and efforts going to good use!



Financial Statement

Grant Funding Breakdown by Funder



**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
FY15-16:
26**

**TOTAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED FY15-16:
\$ 1,868,484.00**

Local Economic Boost

Table showing grant funds direct contribution to the local economy.

	Jul '15 - Jun 16
Expense	
CONTRACTED SERVICES	
Implementation	706,630.79
Labor	18,686.21
Total CONTRACTED SERVICES	725,317.00
PERSONNEL	
Wages	318,657.15
Total PERSONNEL	318,657.15
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	123,253.41
Total FY Expenses	1,167,227.56



Two Black Bear cubs observing restoration work in Camp Creek.

List Partners/Funders

- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Roseburg District BLM
- Coos Bay District BLM
- Medford District BLM
- Roseburg Resources Co.
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby
- Umpqua Soil & Water Cons. District
- Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District
- Umpqua National Forest
- The Autzen Foundation
- The Ford Family Foundation
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Elk Creek Watershed Council
- Smith River Watershed Council
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife R & E
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby
- Lone Rock Timber Industry
- Weyerhaeuser
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Don Porior Engineering
- Kevin Saylor Excavating
- Dave Sigfridson Construction
- Rundell, Inc.
- Blue Ridge Timber Cutting, Inc.

The Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers (PUR) is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Roseburg, Oregon that has been dedicated to improving the ecological and economic well-being of Douglas County through stream restoration since 1992.



Mark Villers of Blue Ridge Timber Cutting, Inc. stands on the trunk of a large tree that was pulled over using modified cable yarder line pulling equipment. This tree, with its rootwad was strategically pulled into West Fork Smith River to improve fish habitat throughout a bedrock dominated reach. Notice the boulders in the stream, which were placed prior to pulling the tree over, adding to the complexity of the site.

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A "Fish Eye View" swimming upstream in an natural bottom half arch culvert.