

## **North Fork of Ahtanum Creek Gauging Station Fish Passage Project, Washington – bull trout**

**State(s):** Washington

**Managing Agency/Organization:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Type of Organization:** Other

**Project Status:** Completed

**Project type:** WNTI Project

**Project action(s):** Fish passage, In-stream and riparian habitat

**Trout species benefitted:** Bull Trout

**Population:** Yakima River Basin Bull trout

Ahtanum Creek is a strong hold for bull trout, Westslope cutthroat and steelhead in the Yakima Basin. This watershed hold some of the best habitat in the system. It is important to provide passage to both adults and juvenile to promote recovery and the health of the species.

This project will address removing the remaining known man-made barrier in Ahtanum Creek and stabilization of in-stream habitat, to allow access to fish spawning habitat in 17 miles of Ahtanum Creek.

### **Objectives:**

- The objective of the project is to remove the final barrier and provide both juvenile and adult passage to 17 miles of up-stream habitat. Additionally, this project will restore the natural function of the creek.

### **Partners:**

- Yakama Indian Nation
- Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Bureau of Reclamation
- North Central Yakima Conservation District

### **Funding Source(s):**

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

**Project cost:** \$175,000.00