

61330-2007-840 Stoney Creek, Montana, Barrier Removal for Westslope cutthroat trout

State(s): Montana

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

Type of Organization: Federal Government

Project Status: Completed

Project type: WNTI Project

Project action(s): Fish passage, Watershed, In-stream and riparian habitat, Genetic diversity

Trout species benefitted: Westslope Cutthroat

Population: Stoney Creek Ninemile R. Clark's Fork Basin

This project will replace one fish passage device and remove two fish passage barriers that prevent connectivity of resident Westslope cutthroat trout. as a result a seven-mile stretch of Stoney Creek will be re-connected.

Stoney Creek supports one of two remaining pure Westslope Cutthroat trout populations in the Ninemile watershed. Fragmented and at risk due to cumulative impacts of road culverts and irrigation diversions, the population viability of the population will be enhanced by re-connecting seven miles of Stoney Creek.

Objectives:

- Install one new fish passage device, remove two fish movement barriers

Partners:

- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Dept.
- U.S. Forest Service

Funding Source(s):

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: \$120,900.00

Start Date: 06/01/2009 **Completion Date:** 10/29/2010