

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Property / Client Name: Silver Side Channel Protection, 11-1518
Worksite Name/Number: Silver Side Channel (Worksite 1 of 1)
Funding Agency: Rec. and Conserv. Office

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)
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Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

Type of Project: Acquisition of fee title land and Conservation Easement on important Riparian and side channel lands.

Location: Methow River, Okanogan County. Approximately 3 miles downstream from Twisp, WA. East side of the Silver Side Channel, in T33N, R22E Section 35, west ½ of west 1/2.

Overall Goal to be achieved: Protect a forested riparian buffer, floodplain, and significant channel migration zone; extinguish development rights. Create opportunity for large-scale restoration project.

This project area has been of long interest for fish restoration partners in the Methow.

Primary habitat type: Riparian and spring fed side channels. Floodplain.

Primary target species supported: Steelhead, Spring Chinook, coho, summer chinook, Bull trout.

Juvenile rearing for all target species would be strongly supported by long term protection of this site.

The Methow river is limited in off channel rearing habitats, and this site contains one of the best opportunities to restore this critical habitat. With restored habitat conditions, spawning for salmonids will likely occur. Habitat restoration would result in much improved rearing conditions and the creation of spawning habitat. The site provides high water and temperature refugia, as well as cover. Functional floodplain could be assured.

Recreation allowed: Outdoor recreation would be allowed on acquired lands, which would be adjacent to existing WDFW lands.

What will be acquired? 25 acres acquisition, 20 acres Conservation Easement (approx).

Describe existing project site conditions.

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Currently the land is wild riparian, but it was formerly grazed by cattle. Grazing stopped in 2008. The Methow valley has a long history of cattle ranching and this was part of a small cattle ranch from 1951-now. The spring fed, connected-to-the-Methow side channel provides off channel rearing for salmonids. Landowners report observing adult fish in the channel in the past. With restoration, spawning could occur again. Flood flows have gone through here. This was once the main channel of the Methow River. This side channel is one of the best off channel features on the Methow River.

Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra

This is a protection project where there will be no ground disturbing activities. Any ground disturbance in restoration will occur under a separate project.

Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility E22 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address: N/A

Township: 33N

Range: 22E

Section: 35

City:

County: Okanogan

Latitude: 48.31

Longitude: -120.06

