

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Property / Client Name: Horse Heaven River Ranch Riparian Restoration, 11-1322
Worksite Name/Number: Horse Heaven River Ranch (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:

Riparian restoration is proposed on 10 acres of mainstem Yakima River floodplain habitat just upstream of River Mile 74. The project area is located on the Yakima River's left bank, across from the Toppenish Wildlife Refuge, downstream of Granger and upstream of Sunnyside. The project is located on an organic vegetable farm adjacent to the mainstem Yakima River. The proposed restoration area has been cultivated for hay in the past, but is currently dominated by non-native forbs (poison hemlock, knapweed, burdock). The opposite bank of the river is part of the Toppenish wildlife refuge, and offers a rare opportunity to utilize a nearby reference condition.

This project proposes to restore riparian and floodplain function on 10 acres along a 0.3 mile stretch of the Yakima River mainstem. The first two years of the project will be focused on site preparation through conventional tillage and manual removal of non-native woody vegetation (particularly Russian olive). In the fall of year two, we will plant the area with native grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees. The third and fourth years of the project will be dedicated to weeding and fence maintenance.

This reach of the Yakima River is a migratory corridor for steelhead, Chinook, coho and sockeye. It gains flow through seepage, and offers localized areas of cool water refuge for migrating adults and juveniles. This project will enhance one such area, located at the downstream end of a meander.

Describe existing project site conditions.

The project site is not currently cultivated, but was managed for hay production in recent history. It is within the Yakima River's floodplain. It provides refuge habitat in high flow events.

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

Ground disturbance will include disking, tilling, and digging holes for live stake installation.

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Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 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>

No

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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: 762 S. Emerald Road, Sunnyside, WA, 98944

Township: 09N

Range: 22E

Section: 05

City:

County: Yakima

Latitude: 46.29

Longitude: -120.10

