

RRWC Programs and Accomplishments, 2015-2021

Here at the Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC), we invest in resilient watersheds for natural community health and because we believe that resilient watersheds are the foundation for healthy human communities. We are a non-profit whose mission is stewardship of the Rogue River watershed. RRWC was created in 2015 when four councils in the middle and upper Rogue River watersheds merged.

We have programs that focus on habitat restoration, water quality improvement, aquatic monitoring, and community engagement. Over time, we have continued to strengthen these programs. RRWC has also improved its ability to assist communities and landowners in maintaining the special qualities of the watershed we all value. These efforts emphasize planning, implementing, and monitoring watershed improvements, particularly in priority areas where the anticipated benefits to water quality, wildlife, and watershed health are the greatest. Through a variety of media, our community engagement program communicates core tenets of watershed health and functioning through the lens of our intentional project efforts.

Over the last seven years, water quality improvement and restoration efforts have been our main focus. We have been successful, and we are currently in the process of broadening our supporter base to match the scale of our restoration, monitoring, and community engagement activities. RRWC needs your support in our efforts to help our watershed and its communities thrive. Following are brief descriptions of project and partnership highlights we have completed since 2015 and opportunities for you to engage with us and with your watershed.

Partnership and engagement are key

- Coordinator of the [Rogue Drinking Water Partnership](#)
- Project lead for the Rogue [National Water Quality Initiative](#)
- Active member of the [Bear Creek Restoration Initiative](#)
- Partner in the [Rogue Basin Partnership](#)
- Member of [Network of Oregon Watershed Councils](#)



Credit: Open Rivers Fund

Fish salvage prior to the Beeson-Robinson Dam removal.

Many opportunities to engage:

Support

- Subscribe to our mailing list to “stay in the flow” with RRWC including our biannual newsletter, The Confluence
- Attend or support our annual event, Celebrate the Rogue! that we have held since 2017

Stewardship

- Volunteer with us at a stewardship event including invasive species removal, plantings, and cleanups
- Attend one of our hikes or tours
- Connect with us to explore how to steward the Rogue River watershed in your daily life

Social Media

- Like/follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us on [Instagram](#)
- Explore our [website](#)
- Check out our [Vimeo video library](#)

Our projects in the Little Butte Creek Sub-basin

Current/Past South Fork Little Butte Creek Projects

Water quality/instream restoration

- Placed 110 key members of large wood
- Restored .15 miles of side channels

Riparian rehabilitation

- Rehabilitated 14.5 acres of riparian area
- Employed "Release and Recruit" strategy

Stewardship and engagement

- Produced widely-circulated [project video](#) about South Fork Little Butte river mile 7.6 project
- Collaborated with 12 landowners/partners

Current/Past Salt Creek Projects

Water quality/instream restoration

- Placed 79 key members of large wood
- Removed 6 fish passage barriers
- Improved access to 9.6 miles of stream

Riparian rehabilitation

- Employed "Release and Recruit" strategy

Stewardship and engagement

- Collaborated with 26 landowners/partners

Future Little Butte Creek Sub-basin Projects

Water quality/instream restoration

- Remove 3 fish passage barriers
- Place 340 key members of large wood
- Improve access to 10.4 miles of stream

Riparian rehabilitation

- Rehabilitate 50.3 acres of riparian area
- Employ "Release and Recruit" strategy

Stewardship and engagement

- Collaborate with 13 landowners/partners

