

SANDY RIVER OREGON

Project Name: Sandy River Basin Restoration Project

Project Type:

- Restoration (Riparian)
- Recreation (Trail and River Access)
- Urban

Project Description: The Sandy River Basin Restoration Project is a watershed-scale partnership focused on restoration and outdoor recreation. Restoration efforts since the beginning

of the Marmot Dam fish passage project are focused on land acquisitions from willing sellers, dam site revegetation, trail construction, river access, and environmental education.



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The Sandy River, located within 30 minutes of one-third of Oregon's population, is the primary fish-producing river for the Sandy River Basin. The ongoing restoration will improve salmon spawning habitat, while acquisitions along Boulder Creek in the Wild and Scenic River corridor will protect critical habitat for the Federally-listed spring Chinook, winter Steelhead, and winter Coho.

Special recreation permits, river access, and trail construction efforts will provide safe river access to intermediate rafters and kayakers and mountain bike trails for 20,000 riders per year. The Cascade Streamwatch program brings students from underserved Portland area schools to the Salmon River to learn about stream ecology, fisheries, and healthy watersheds, helping to connect the next generation of river stewards, kayakers, and anglers to the Sandy River Basin.



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Lead Federal Agency:

- Bureau of Land Management

Non-Federal Partners:

- Western Rivers Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- International Mountain Bike Association
- Other state, municipal, and educational partners

Outcomes for 2012:

- Construct river access and trails
- Support environmental education program for Portland students