

FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION All sections must be addressed, or the application will be considered invalid



I.	AP	PLICANT INFORMATI	ON				
	Α.	Applicant Name: W	ill McDowell, Cla	rk Fork C	Coalition		
		Mailing Address:	ox 7593				
		City: Missoula	a	State:	MT	Zip: 5980)7
		Telephone: 406-3	396-7716	E-mail:	will@	clarkfork.	
	В.	Contact Person (if diff	erent than applicant):				
		Address:					
		City:		State:		Zip:	
		Telephone:		E-mail:	<u></u>		
	C.	Landowner and/or Les	ssee Name USFS	-Pintle	r Distri	ct, Beaverh	nead DL
		Mailing Address:	88 Busines	s Loo	р		
		City: Philipsh	ourg	State:	MT	Zip: 5985	58
		Telephone: 406-	859-3211	E-mail:	phoc	per@fs.fe	ed.us
II.	PR	OJECT INFORMATION	ı				
	Α.	Project Name: Roa	d 85 South F	ork Dry	/ Cotto	nwood AOI	P
		River, stream, or lake:	South Fork	Dry C	Cotton	wood	
		Location: Township:	T6N	Range:	R8V	V Section:	7 NE
		Latitude:	46.2045	Longitude	-112.	6456 vithin projec	et (decimal degrees)
		County: Deer L	odge				
	В.	Purpose of Project:					
		The purpose of the P drainage, using a new habitat and re-establ trout.	w aquatic organism	passage c	ulvert; to	open 4 miles of h	neadwater

C. Brief Project Description (attach additional information to end of application):

This project will enhance native trout habitat by replacing an under-sized culvert on USFS Road 85 with a larger "aquatic organism passage" culvert designed to enhance fish passage, fully opening the 4 miles of the South Fork of Dry Cottonwood for the westslope cutthroat population.

Dry Cottonwood Creek supports a conservation population of westslope cutthroat trout from near its mouth up to just below the continental divide, a total of over fourteen (14) fish-bearing stream miles. These trout are 95% pure westslope cutthroats, rated by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks as a "conservation population." This drainage is unusual in that it contains no brown trout or brook trout, which are competitive with the native fish. Hence this watershed provides a very good conservation area for native cutthroat trout, and also a potential recruitment area for fluvial native trout to the Clark Fork river.

However, about four (4) miles of the South Fork of Dry Cottonwood Creek is cut off from upstream fish movements and migration by a fish barrier culvert located near the bottom of this drainage on Road 85. Until 2018 there were three barrier culverts in the Dry Cottonwood drainage, but the upper two were replaced in 2018 and 2020. The remaining older culvert on the South Fork at Road 85 is steep and under-sized and the US Forest Service engineers have determined it also must be replaced, to prevent its wash-out in a large flood event, and to improve fish passage.

The US Forest Service, in its East Deer Lodge Valley Landscape Restoration Management Project Record of Decision approved in 2015, specifically recommended that this culvert be replaced as part of a larger effort to enhance and restore native cutthroat trout, a Species of Special Concern for the USFS, and for the State of Montana (page 11 of ROD). The South Fork has a resident beaver population, whose ponds provide some of the best quality trout habitat in the drainage (the trout grow larger and probably more fecund, in the ponds), hence this project will benefit the westslope cutthroat population in the entire drainage.

To reconnect the South Fork to the mainstem the design recommends removal of the steep existing 71"x47"x 36-ft pipe-arch, and replacement with a 12-foot span 44-ft long structural arch pipe on pre-cast concrete foundation. The structural arch pipe provides a natural stream bed with rock weirs to assure that fish can move up through the new pipe in all flow conditions.

The project will proceed according to the following steps: 1) The US Forest Service has a completed design document and cost estimate for this new culvert. 2) The USFS signed an agreement obligating their RAC match funding and requiring the Clark Fork Coalition (CFC) to provide oversight and project management, in coordination with both the Engineering and Aquatics programs at Beaverhead Deer Lodge National Forest. 3) The USFS fish biologist will acquire a 124 permit from Montana FWP. 4) Once necessary permits are obtained, the CFC will advertise for private construction firms to install the structures, in coordination with the USFS. When a qualified contractor is selected, the CFC will provide oversight of construction, in coordination with the USFS fish biologist at BDNF. The CFC will also provide monitoring reports of project progress and photo documentation of the entire installation process, as well as verifying low-flow velocities at culverts. The CFC will also assure that the construction firm provides maintenance to five miles of Road 85 as they depart the site with their equipment.

The Clark Fork Coalition is involved in a series of activities on private and public land to address all the limiting factors for westslope cutthroat trout in Dry Cottonwood Creek. Irrigation efficiency upgrades, fish screens, road improvements (including sediment traps), off-stream livestock water sources, and riparian fencing projects on public and private land have been completed since 2010.

The replacement of this fish barrier culvert will complete the list of major fishery habitat projects required for the Dry Cottonwood drainage in the USFS East Deer Lodge Valley Landscape Management Restoration Plan.

D.	Length of stream or size of lake that will be treated (project extent): 80 feet Length/size of impact, if larger than project extent (e.g. stream miles opened): 4 miles														
E.	Project Budget:														
	Grant Request (Dollars): \$ 39,636														
	Matching Dollars: \$ 48,000														
	Matching In-Kind Services:* \$														
	*salaries of government employees are not considered matching contributions														
Other	Contributions (not part of this application) \$ Total Project Cost: \$ 87,636														
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F.	Attach itemized (line item) budget - see budget template														
G.	Insert or attach a project location map showing the project area in relation to a major landmark or town. Please indicate if the project location is on public or private property.														
	Project on public land (USFS). See attached map.														
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Н.	Attach specific project plans (e.g. detailed sketches, plan views [showing location and type of channel modifications], example photographs), current condition photographs, and maps. *If project involves water leasing or water salvage complete and attach a supplemental questionnaire (fwp.mt.gov/habitat/futurefisheries/supplement2.doc).														
I.	Attach letters or statements of support. This includes landowner consent, community or public support, and fish biologist support.														
	The project agreement includes a 20-year maintenance commitment. Please indicate (yes or no)														
J	that you will ensure project protection for 20 years. Discuss your ability to meet this commitment. Yes No														
	The maintenance of this new culvert is the responsibility of the Beaverhead Deer Lodge National Forest (BVDL), which maintains all roads and drainage on Forest Road 85, a major Forest access route.														
K.	Describe or attach land management & maintenance plans, including changing to grazing regimes, that will ensure protection of the restored area.														

The BVDL has worked very hard for last 5 years with the grazing allotment ranches to improve riparian conditions on the Dry Cottonwood Allotment through rotational grazing (one of four main pastures is rested every summer), some riparian rail fencing and log felling, more intensive monitoring, and maintenance of off-stream stock water systems. These improvements intensified 5 years ago when the Forest issued formal warnings to the allotees.

III.	PROJECT	BENEFITS	(attach	additional	information	to en	d of	f application)	1
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A. What species of fish will benefit from this project?

Westslope cutthroat trout are the only fish that have been sampled in the entire Dry Cottonwood watershed.

B. How will the project protect or enhance wild fish habitat?

The project improves connectivity for the trout in this drainage, but opening up the four miles of sSouth Fork habitat. The fact that the South Fork is a beaver colony area is significant, because the beaver ponds provide deeper summer and winter holding habitat in this relatively small stream.

C. Will the project improve fish populations and/or fishing? To what extent?

We believe this type of habitat connectivity is critical to maintaining strong trout populations over the long term. There is some fishing opportunity in Dry Cottonwood Creek, especially at beaver ponds, but we also believe that Dry Cottonwood is a potential source population for recruitment of westslope cutthroat to the mainstem Clark Fork. Large adult cutthroat have been angled recently (2019-2020) in the reach of the Clark Fork near the mouth of Dry Cottonwood, in a reach where cutthroat have been very scarce in the past.

D. Will the project increase public fishing opportunity for wild fish and, if so, how?

The public fishing opportunities are on USFS and DNRC State land. At least 11 miles of Dry Cottonwood is on public land and this project should benefit the long-term viability of this cutthroat population.

E. What was the cause of habitat degradation in the area of this project and how will the project correct the cause?

Forest Road construction in the past did not consider fish passage, so the fact that this culvert is too steep and too small is not surprising. The replacement of this undersized culvert with a larger Aquatic Organism Passage (stream simulation) design is a major improvement for fish passage.

F.	What public benefits will be realized from this project?
	The fishery will be improved by long-term population sustainability, and better opportunities for recruitment of wild cutthroat to the Clark Fork river fishery.
G.	Will the project interfere with water or property rights of adjacent landowners? (explain):
	This project is entirely on USFS lands (Beaverhead Deer Lodge NF). No private owners are directly affected.
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H.	Will the project result in the development of commercial recreational use on the site? (explain):
	No.
1.	Is this project associated with the reclamation of past mining activity?
	Not directly, although these stream segments were placer mined 100 years ago.
Parks sp	proved project applicant must enter into a written agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife & ecifying terms and duration of the project. The applicant must obtain all applicable permits project construction. A competitive bid process must be followed when using State funds.
IV. AU	THORIZING STATEMENT
acc	e) hereby declare that the information and all statements to this application are true, complete, and urate to the best of my (our) knowledge and that the project or activity complies with rules of the ure Fisheries Improvement Program.
Applicant	Signature: Millie Etwill Date: 28 May 2021
Sponsor	(if applicable):
	al: Applications must be signed and received before December 1 and June 1 of each year to sidered for the subsequent funding period. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.
Mail to:	FWP Future Fisheries Fish Management Bureau PO Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701 Email: Future Fisheries Coordinator at: FWPFFIP@mt.gov Electronic submissions must be signed. For files over 10MB, use https://transfer.mt.gov & send to mmcgree@mt.gov
Application	ns may be rejected if this form is modified.

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BUDGET TEMPLATE SHEET FOR FUTURE FISHERIES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Both tables must be completed or the application will be returned

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		PROJECT COSTS	TS			CONTR	CONTRIBUTIONS	
WORK ITEMS							OTHER	
(Itemize by Category)	NUMBER OF UNITS	UNIT DESCRIPTION*	COST/UNIT	TOTAL COST	FUTURE FISHERIES REQUEST	MATCH (Cash or Services)**	(Not part of this application)	TOTAL
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Aggregate road mix	09	60 cubic yards	\$35.00	\$ 2,100.00		2,100.00	9	2,100.00
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

*Units = feet, hours, inches, etc. Do not use lump sum unless there is no other way to describe the costs. budget sheet for additional clarification.

All of the columns in the budget table and the matching contribution table MUST be completed appropriately or the application will be invalid. Please see the example

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**Can include in-kind materials. Justification for in-kind labor (e.g. hourly rates used). Do not use government salaries as match. Describe here or in text.

***The Review Panel suggests that design and oversight costs associated with a proposed project not exceed 15% of the total project budget. If design and oversight costs are in excess of 15%, applications must include a justification or minimum of two competitive bids for the cost of undertaking the project.

****The Review Panel recommends a maximum fencing cost of \$1.50 per foot. Additional costs may be the responsibility of the applicant and/or partners.

Additional details:

APPLICATION MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	MATCHING CO	ONTRIBUTIONS		
(do not include requested funds or contributions not associated with the application)	or contributions not	associated with the app	olication)	
CONTRIBUTOR	IN-KIND	CASH	TOTAL	Secured? (Y/N)
RAC Program Funds (US Forest Service)		\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00 yes	yes
Clark Fork Coalition		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00 yes	yes
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(contributions	(contributions not associated with the application)	ne application)			
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May 27, 2021

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Future Fisheries Program, Attn: Michelle McGree
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Support for the South Fork Dry Cottonwood Creek - Culvert Replacement Project

This letter is being written in support of the proposed culvert replacement on the South Fork of Dry Cottonwood Creek at the USFS Rd 85 crossing. The current culvert is undersized, set at a steep gradient, and slightly perched. The current culvert is likely a partial fish barrier in certain water conditions due to the water velocity and perched nature of the culvert. Dry Cottonwood Creek and its tributaries support a genetically pure strain of westslope cutthroat trout and no non-native trout. It also likely supports a small number of westslope cutthroat trout from the Clark Fork River carrying out a fluvial life history. Although migratory fish have not been documented in the creek a few juveniles have been documented attempting to out-migrate. The compromised culvert is six stream miles upstream of Dry Cottonwood's confluence with the Clark Fork River, and there are four miles of potentially (exact distribution limits are un-documented) occupied stream upstream of the culvert. Replacing this culvert with a culvert meeting AOP criteria would fully connect nearly 10 miles of occupied westslope cutthroat trout habitat.

The upper Clark Fork River Drainage only supports a small handful of genetically pure "conservation populations" of westslope cutthroat trout today. However, the Dry Cottonwood Creek drainage is one place that does support genetically pure westslope cutthroat trout. Helping this population become as resilient and robust as possible by addressing this remaining passage issue is of great conservation value.

Please consider this application for funding and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need more information about Dry Cottonwood and the benefits of this project to the fishery.

Sincerely,

Caleb Uerling

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Fisheries Biologist - Upper Clark Fork



Forest Service Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Pintler Ranger District 88 Business Loop Philipsburg, MT 59858 406-859-3211

May 26, 2021

Michelle McGree Montana FWP Future Fisheries Improvement Program 1420 East Sixth Ave Helena, MT 59620

Dear Ms. McGree:

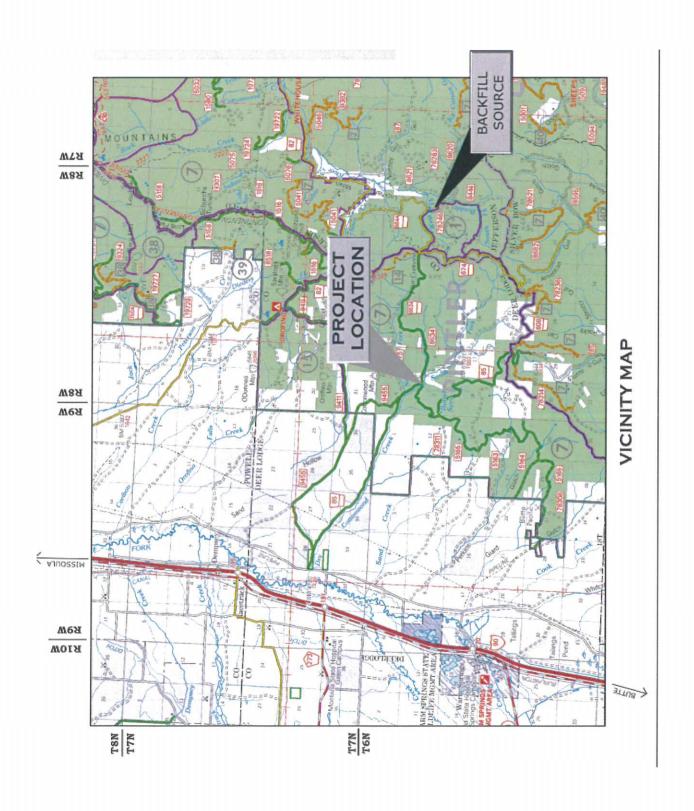
I am writing in support of the South Fork Dry Cottonwood Creek culvert replacement project on NFSR 85. The proposal is to replace the existing, undersized culvert with a structure that will allow for aquatic organism passage (AOP) and provide flow conveyance through Q_{100} flows (118 cfs). The Dry Cottonwood drainage is a priority for westslope cutthroat trout conservation and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) has previously invested in AOP structures at road crossings upstream and downstream of the proposed crossing. The BDNF has already completed NEPA for the proposed project and will be involved in implementation.

The BDNF supports the grant application submitted by the Clark Fork Coalition for funding to provide AOP at the South Fork Dry Cottonwood Creek crossing on NFSR 85.

Sincerely,

Erin Ryan Hydrologist

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest



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