

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION



All sections must be addressed, or the application will be considered invalid

	A.	Applicant Name: Trout Unlimited			
		Mailing Address: 312 N. Higgins Suite 200)		
		City: Missoula	State:	MT Zip	59802
		Telephone: 406-552-2168	E-mail:	TScanlon@tu.org	
	В.	Contact Person (if different than applicant):	Tess S	canlon	
		Address: 312 N. Higgins Suite 200			
		City: Missoula	State:	MT Zip	59802
		Telephone: 406-552-2168	E-mail:	tscanlon@tu.org	
	C.	Landowner and/or Lessee Name (if different than applicant): Bill Slaug	hter		
		Mailing Address: 114 KOLBECK LN			
		City: HALL	State:	MT Zip	59837-0032
		Telephone: 406-552-7088	E-mail:	oldsheriff38@gma	il.com
II.	PR	ROJECT INFORMATION			
	A.	Project Name: Flint Creek Riparian Restora	tion Phase	2B	
		River, stream, or lake: Flint Creek			
		Location: Township: 10N	Range:	3W	Section: 35
		Latitude: 46.57767,	Longitude	-113.19069	Within project (decimal degrees)
		County: Granite			
	В.	Purpose of Project:			

The purpose of the Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Project Phase 2B is to improve habitat for an impaired 0.5-mile reach of Flint Creek near Hall, MT. The goal of restoring riparian and aquatic habitat that has been impaired by past land use practices is to improve fish populations in Flint Creek and increase fish recruitment to the Clark Fork River.

Phase 2B is located on the upstream property from Phase 2 of the Flint Creek work. Phase 2 is fully funded and planned for Fall 2023 construction. If Phase 2B is successfully funded, construction of both Phase 2 and Phase 2B will occur at the same time. Together, these projects will protect and restore 1-mile of connected habitat in Flint Creek. Future Fisheries Program funding for this proposal would be used to purchase materials and support contractor expenses for construction of the Phase 2B scope of work.

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

The Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Project Phase 2B is located on the Slaughter Property on Flint Creek. Phase 2B is located upstream from the planned Phase 2 project on the Rue property. Phase 2B of the project will protect, enhance, and restore an additional 2,700-feet of impaired section of Flint Creek on private land near Hall, MT. It will improve riparian and wetland vegetation, restore instream habitat, and reduce sediment and nutrient loading to Flint Creek.

This project is part of a multi-phased, larger effort in the Flint Creek watershed with multiple private landowners and agency partners, including Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Montana Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP). By engaging private landowners in projects that restore and reconnect habitat, conserve streamflows, and improve water quality, the project will restore Flint Creek fish populations and increase fish recruitment to the Upper Clark Fork River. The first phase of Flint Creek restoration work was completed in 2021. Phase 2 is planned and scheduled for 2023 implementation. If successfully awarded funding, Phase 2B will constructed together with Phase 2 which will save project permitting costs and limit impacts to the natural resources from construction.

Multiple riparian habitat assessments have been completed on Flint Creek including the *Riparian Habitat Assessment for Flint Creek and Boulder Creek* by Great West Engineering (GWE) for NRDP in 2015 and a reach-focused *Flint Creek Assessment and Conceptual Design Report* completed by River Design Group (RDG) for NRDP in 2018. The GWE report identifies the reach targeted by this project as a high priority for riparian restoration and the RDG report details both the vegetative and geomorphic impairments in the reach, including sedimentation and bank erosion rates, as well as concepts to restore those impairments.

The Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Phase 2B Project builds on the fully funded Phase 2 plans and proposes to complete additional work on the adjacent Slaughter property. As with the previously funded phase, Phase 2B includes three approaches targeted to restore natural processes to reduce sedimentation and improve habitat:

- 1. Grazing Management- the project will install fencing for a riparian grazing exclusion throughout the property to protect and improve riparian and floodplain vegetation and wildlife habitat.
- 2. Active Revegetation- the project will implement a revegetation plan prepared by River Design Group that includes planting of native containerized woody plants in fenced wildlife exclusion units and seeding with native riparian seed mix.
- 3. Streambank Restoration- the project will implement a restoration design prepared by River Design Group to treat approximately 800' of eroding streambanks, improve riparian vegetation, restore functioning channel geometry, improve fisheries habitat complexity.

D.	Length of stream or size of lake that will be treated (project extent):	0.5 miles
	Length/size of impact, if larger than project extent (e.g. stream miles opened	ed):

E. Project Budget:

Grant Request (Dollars): \$ 39,000

Matching Dollars: \$ 37,500

Matching In-Kind Services:* \$ 2,500

*salaries of government employees <u>are not</u> considered matching contributions

Other Contributions (not part of this app) \$ 50,675

Total Project Cost: \$ 129,675

- 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.

See Map attachment. The project location is on private property.

- H. 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) that you will ensure project protection for 20 years. Discuss your ability to meet this commitment.

Yes No No

TU has been in communication with the landowner for several years in development of this project. The landowner is committed to maintaining all improvements and are aware that a formal agreement will need to be completed prior to project implementation.

K. Describe or attach land management & maintenance plans, including changing to grazing regimes, that will ensure protection of the restored area.

TU is working with the landowner on a project agreement and grazing exclosure that will include a riparian fencing exclosure unit. The exclosure around the restoration project ensure protection of the project site from cattle grazing and other heavy wildlife browsing for a period of at least 5 years.

- III. PROJECT BENEFITS (attach additional information to end of application):
 - A. What species of fish will benefit from this project?

Brown trout, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, mountain whitefish and non-game species.

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

The project will improve shade and overhead cover by providing the landowners with infrastructure to exclude cattle from grazing the riparian, flood prone and wetland areas of the property; improve instream habitat complexity and pool depth through installation of one large wood structure; and reduce sedimentation, improve shading/overhead cover, and provide a future source of large wood through revegetation and fascine bank treatments.

C. Will the project improve fish populations and/or fishing? To what extent? What are the expected short term and long-term benefits to the fishery?

Yes, the project is intended to improve fish populations and quality of angling by improving foraging, migration and overwintering habitat for native species, and spawning and rearing habitat for non-native sportfish. Improved habitat should increase survival and population densities over time. The project is located in a high-priority migration corridor for westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout between the Clark Fork River and high-quality spawning habitat in Boulder Creek.

The project is also intended to provide a demonstration project for neighboring ranches to assist with the long-term goal of implementing similar habitat restoration and expanding fisheries benefits to the reach scale.

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

While the project is located on private land, Flint Creek is accessible to wade anglers through stream access from public bridge rights-of-way. In addition, improvements to fish populations from the project may improve angling opportunity on the rest of Flint Creek and the nearby Clark Fork River. FWP otolith microchemistry and radio telemetry studies have shown the importance of Flint Creek for recruitment to the Clark Fork River.

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

Habitat degradation in the area has largely been the result of past agricultural practices and channel alteration. In particular, the impacts of cattle grazing include reduced woody riparian vegetation, increased erosion and sediment loading into the stream, over-widened stream channel, and decreased pool frequency and depths. The project seeks to correct these impairments through a cost-effective combination of removing grazing pressure, restoring riparian vegetation through the reach, and actively restoring a targeted 600' of streambanks within the reach.

F. What public benefits will be realized from this project?

The public benefits of this project will be increased water quality and improvements to both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat.

G. Will the project interfere with water or property rights of adjacent landowners? (explain):

No

Н.	Will the project result	in the development	of commercial recrea	ational use on the site	? (explain):

No. The landowners lease grazing rights on the property and have no plans for recreational development.

I. Is this project associated with the reclamation of past mining activity?

No.

Each approved project applicant must enter into a written agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks specifying terms and duration of the project. The applicant must obtain all applicable permits prior to project construction. A competitive bid process must be followed when using State funds.

AUTHORIZING STATEMENT IV.

I (we) hereby declare that the information and all statements to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and that the project or activity complies with rules of the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

Applicant Signature:

Sponsor (if applicable):

Submittal: Applications must be signed and received on or before November 15 and May 15 to be considered for the subsequent funding period. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.

FWP Future Fisheries Future Fisheries Coordinator Mail to: Email:

> Fish Habitat Bureau PO Box 200701

Helena, MT 59620-0701

FWPFFIP@mt.gov

(electronic submissions must be signed)

For files over 10MB, use https://transfer.mt.gov and send

to mmcgree@mt.gov

Applications may be rejected if this form is modified.

Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Phase 2B

BUDGET TEMPLATE SHEET FOR FUTURE FISHERIES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Both tables must be	completed or the	annlication wil	the returned

	PR	OJECT COSTS							CONTR	HBUTH	SNC		
WORK ITEMS (Itemize by Category)	NUMBER OF UNITS	UNIT DESCRIPTION*	COST/UNIT	т	OTAL COST	FI	TURE FISHERIES REQUEST		MATCH (Cash r Services)**	(No	OTHER t part of this oplication)		TOTAL
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Design		LS	\$7,500,00		\$5,000.00						\$5,000,00		5,000.00
Permitting	1	LS	\$5,000,00		\$2,500.00						\$2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
Oversight	1	LS	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00						\$7,500.00	\$	7,500.00
Monitoring	1	LS	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00					À	\$2,500.00		2,500.00
			Sub-Total	\$	17,500.00	\$		\$		\$	17,500.00	\$	17,500,00
Travel													
Mileage	2000	miles	\$0.63	\$	1,250.00						1,250.00	\$	1,250.00
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			Sub-Total	\$	1,250.00	\$		\$		\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00
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streambank structures	1	LS	\$28,000.00	-	28,000.00	_	28,000.00					\$	28,000.00
Willow cuttings		cuttings	\$1.25		8,125.00				2,500.00		5,625.00	\$	8,125.00
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weed mats		LS	\$6,200.00		6,200.00	-		-	6,200.00			\$	6,200.00
seeding	1	LS	\$1,800,00	-	1,800,00	-		-	1,800.00			\$	1,800.00
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			Sub-Total	\$	50,125.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	7,125.00	\$	50,125.00
Equipment and Labor	-							-				_	
Site Prep. BMPs, reclamation	10	Hrs	\$240.00	s	2,400.00						2,400.00	s	2,400.00
streambank treatment and sod salvage and		1.00											
placement	600	linear feet	\$30.00	\$	18,000.00	-	11,000.00	-			7,000.00	\$	18,000.00
riparian planting and wildlife exclosure install	1	LS	\$22,000.00		22,000.00				22,000.00		100	\$	22,000.00
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			TOTALS	\$	129,675.00	\$	39,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	50,675.00	\$	129,675.00

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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 budget sheet for additional clarification.

Additional details:

APPLICATION MA (do not include requested funds or			tion	1)	
CONTRIBUTOR	 IN-KIND	CASH		TOTAL	Secured? (Y/N)
Montana NRDP	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	Υ
Landowner		\$ 3,000.00	\$	3,000,00	Υ
Trout Unlimited	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 	\$	2,500.00	Υ
Trout and Salmon Foundation	\$ 0.074	\$ 4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	
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TOTALS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$	40,000.00	

OTHER (contributions not	 NTRIBUTIO ciated with the ap	100	ition)		
CONTRIBUTOR	IN-KIND	100-	CASH	TOTAL	Secured? (Y/N)
Montana NRDP	\$			\$ 22,500.00	Y
WestSlope Chapter TU	\$ 	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	N
National Wild Turkey Foundation	\$ -	\$	7,000.00	\$ 7,000,00	Y
Trout and Salmon Foundation	\$ 74	\$	4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	Y
Trout Unlimited	\$ 5,625.00	\$	1,250.00	\$ 6,875.00	Y
Landowner	\$ 2,400,00	\$	2,400.00	\$ 4,800,00	Υ
	\$ 	\$	1000	\$ Н.	
	\$ -	\$		\$ 	
TOTALS	\$ 8,025.00	\$	20,150.00	\$ 50,675.00	2 =

^{*}Units = feet, hours, inches, etc. Do not use lump sum unless there is no other way to describe the costs.

^{**}Can include in-kind materials. Justification for in-kind labor (e.g. hourly rates used). Do not use government salaries as match. In-kind match consists of TU volunteer to harvest and assist with planting of willow cuttings.

^{***}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.

Trout Unlimited's Flint Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2b

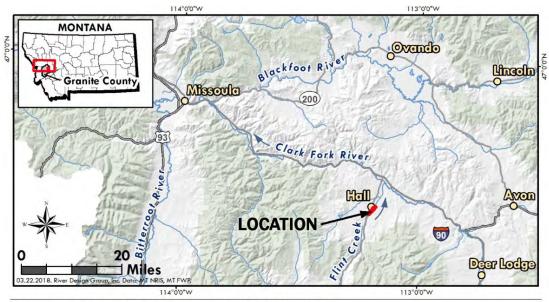


Figure 1. Project vicinity map for Lower Flint Creek restoration.

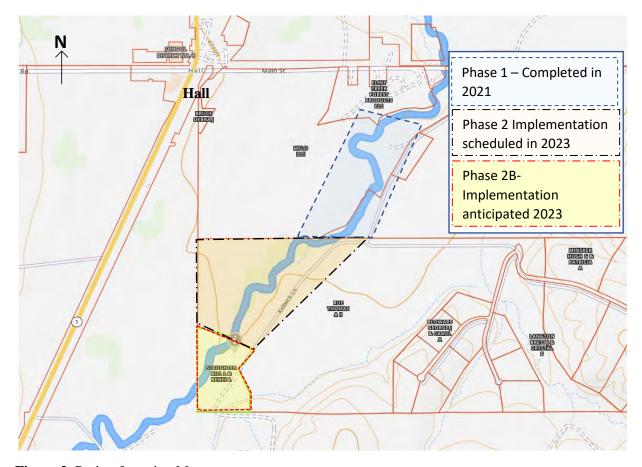


Figure 2. Project Location Map

Flint Creek Phase 2b Project Map



Figure 3. Flint Creek Phase 2b Project Map

Flint Creek Phase 2b Conceptual Design Plans

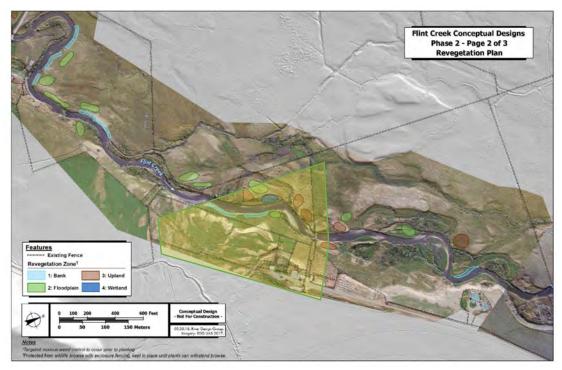


Figure 4. Flint Creek Phase 2b Revegetation Plan

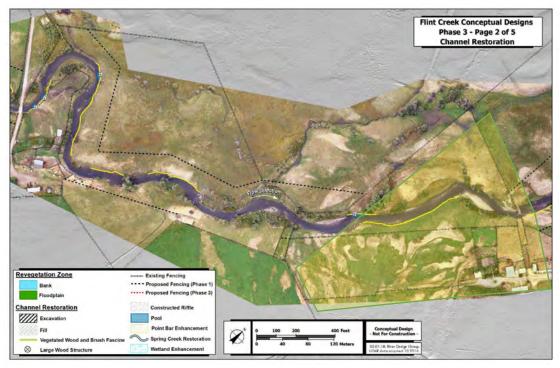


Figure 5. Flint Creek Phase 2b Channel Restoration Plan

CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- EXCAVATE STREAMBANK TO SUBGRADE ELEVATIONS.
- PLACE TIER 1 FOOTER LOGS IN THE STREAMBANK POINTING DOWNSTREAM PER THE ORIENTATION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS.
- 3 PLACE TIER 2 ROOTWAD LOGS ON TOP OF FOOTER LOGS WITH ROOTWADS POINTING UPSTREAM. PLACEMENT SHALL BEGIN AT THE UPSTREAM END AND THE UPSTREAM ROOTWAD SHALL BE FLUSH WITH THE TOP OF BANK LINE. SUBSEQUENT ROOTWADS SHALL BE PLACED IN A DOWNSTREAM DIRECTION WITH GRADUALLY INCREASING PROJECTION INTO THE CHANNEL AS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS. ADJACENT ROOTWADS SHALL BE TOUCHING OR OVERLAPPING.
- 4) BACKFILL STREAMBANK TO THE TOP OF ROOTWAD LOGS WITH STREAMBANK FILL PER THE GRADATION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS.
- 5 WASH FINES AND WATER FROM ONSITE INTO THE STREAMBANK FILL TO SEAL THE VOIDS IN THE BACKFILL.
- 6 PLACE TIER 3 FOOTER LOGS IN THE STREAMBANK POINTING DOWNSTREAM PER THE ORIENTATION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS.
- PLACE TIER 4 ROOTWAD LOGS ON TOP OF FOOTER LOGS WITH ROOTWADS POINTING UPSTREAM. PLACEMENT SHALL BEGIN AT THE UPSTREAM END AND THE UPSTREAM ROOTWAD SHALL BE FLUSH WITH THE TOP OF BANK LINE. SUBSEQUENT ROOTWADS SHALL BE PLACED IN A DOWNSTREAM DIRECTION WITH GRADUALLY INCREASING PROJECTION INTO THE CHANNEL AS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS. ADJACENT ROOTWADS SHALL BE TOUCHING OR OVERLAPPING.
- 8 PLACE TIER 5 DEFLECTOR LOGS WITHIN THE MATRIX OF LOGS. LOGS SHALL BE WOVEN BETWEEN OTHER LOGS TO PREVENT MOVEMENT. DEFLECTOR LOGS SHALL POINT DOWNSTREAM AND MAY EXTEND UP TO TWO FEET ABOVE THE TOP OF BANK FI EVATION
- 9 PLACE TIER 5 BRUSH RANDOMLY WITHIN THE MATRIX OF LOGS. BRUSH SHALL BE WOVEN BETWEEN OTHER LOGS TO PREVENT MOVEMENT. BRUSH MAY EXTEND UP TO TWO FEET ABOVE THE TOP OF BANK ELEVATION.
- (10) BACKFILL STREAMBANK TO THE TOP OF ROOTWAD LOGS WITH STREAMBANK FILL PER THE GRADATION SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS.
- $\overline{f 11}$ wash fines and water from onsite into the streambank fill to seal the voids in the backfill.
- 12 GRADE THE TOP OF BANK TO MATCH FINISHED GROUND ELEVATIONS.

FLOODPLAIN

(DESIGN POOL DEPTH)



SIZE	% PASSING	SIZE CLASS				
6-INCH	100	D100				
4-INCH	90 - 100	D95				
2-INCH	50 - 80	D65				
1-INCH	30 - 50	D35				
FINES	10 - 30	D15				

*GRADATION MAY BE ACHIEVED BY MIXING WITH EXCAVATED MATERIAL

MATERIAL SCHEDULE (PER STRUCTURE)

NOTE: USE OF BALLAST AND PUMPING MAY BE NECESSARY TO PLACE WOOD IN DEEP WATER.

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QUANTITY DIA. (IN) LENGTH (FT)

12-18

8-12

3-6

1-3

15-20

15-20

8-10

8-10

ITEM

1 CY OF SUBGRADE EXCAVATION
3 7 LARGE WOOD

MEDIUM WOOD

SMALL WOOD

BRUSH

4 40 CY OF STREAMBANK FILL



WOOD STRUCTURE DETAIL

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TO FINAL DESIGN MD

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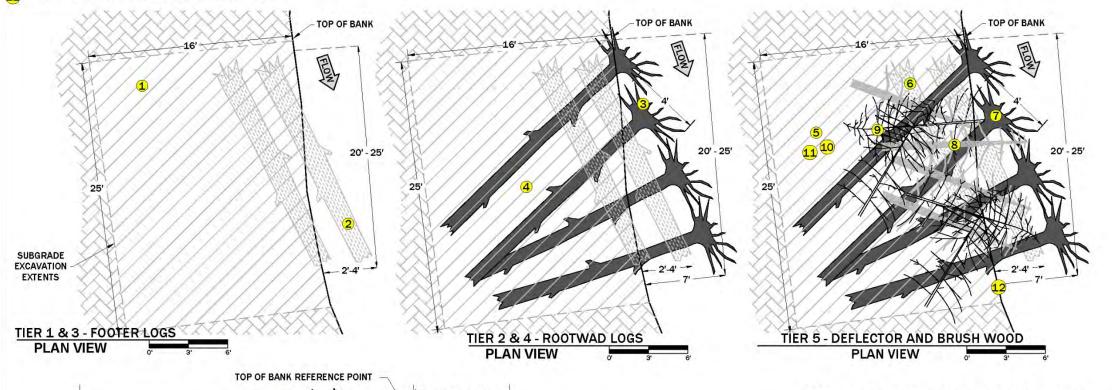
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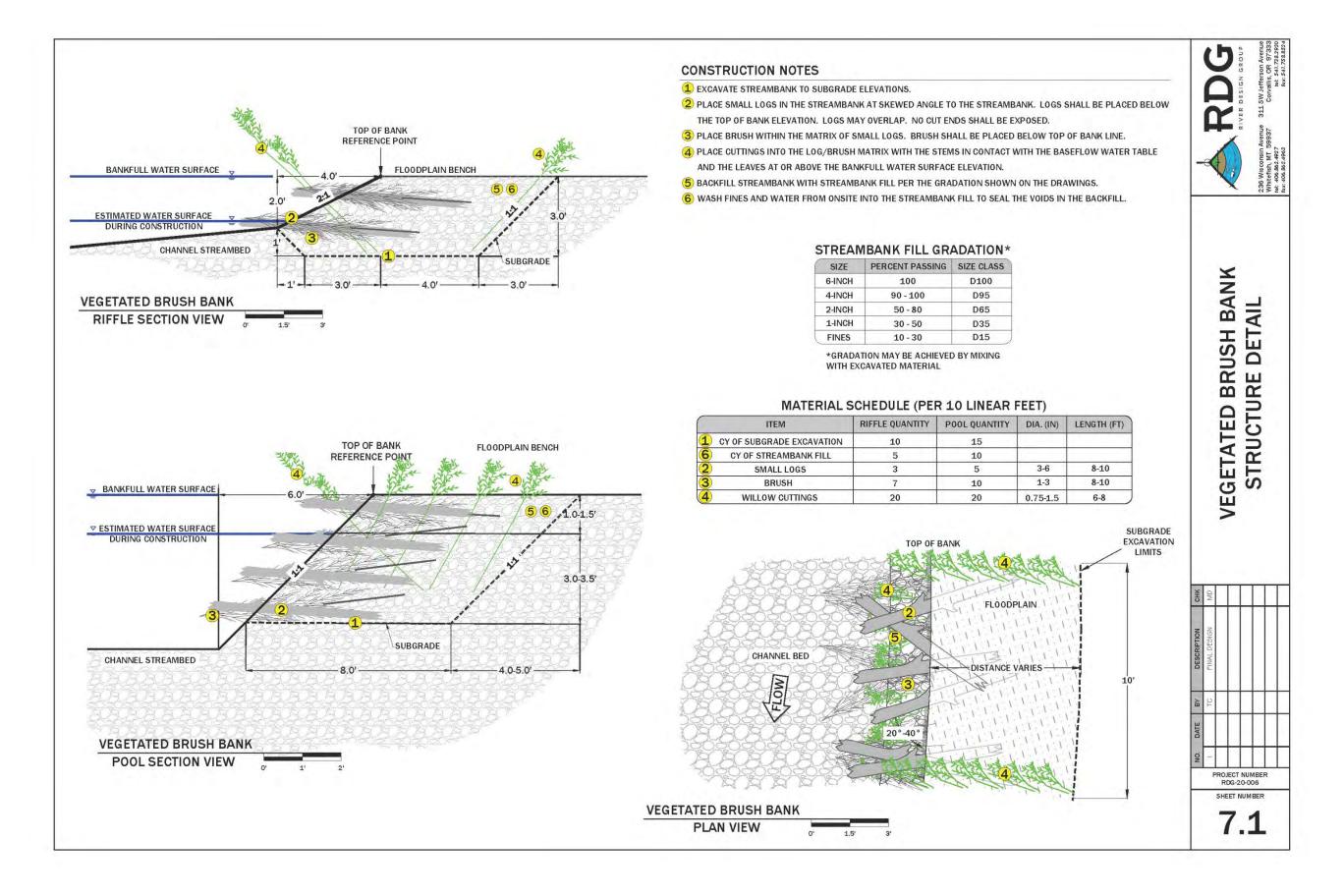


BANKFULL WATER SURFACE

ESTIMATED WATER SURFACE

SECTION VIEW

DURING CONSTRUCTION



Flint Creek Phase 2b Site Conditions



Photo 1. Eroding bank on Slaughter property



Photo 2. Typical bank condition on Slaughter Property.

Flint Creek Phase 2b Site Conditions

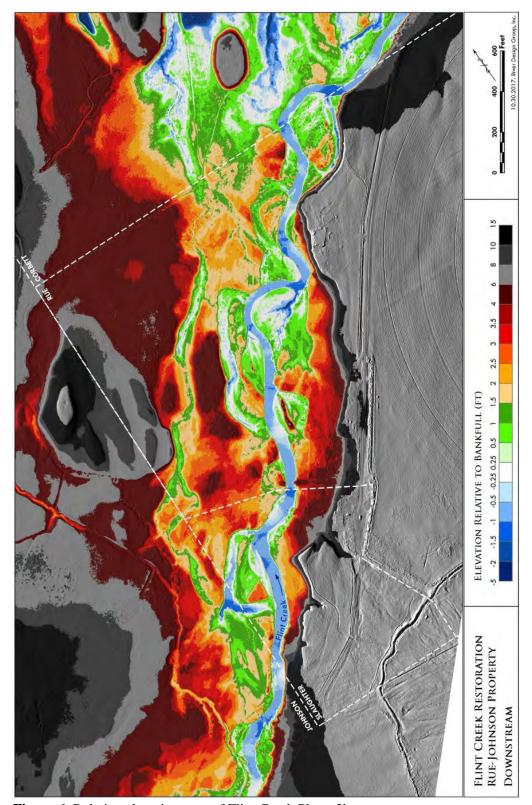


Figure 6. Relative elevation map of Flint Creek Phase 2b

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Region 2 Headquarters 3201 Spurgin Road Missoula, MT 59804 Phone 406-542-5500

November 2, 2022

Future Fisheries Improvement Program c/o Michelle McGree Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks P.O. Box 200701 1420 E. 6th Avenue Helena, MT 59620-0701

RE: Future Fisheries Funding Request for Flint Creek – Slaughter-Rue

Dear Panel Members:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks considers Flint Creek a high priority fishery. It serves as both a recreational fishing destination and as a tributary which produces juvenile recruitment for the Clark Fork River. Flint Creek receives moderate angling pressure and, in this reach, generally maintains approximately 3-500 catchable fish per mile. These densities are high enough to provide very high quality angling opportunities for this size of stream. Flint Creek has also been found to provide a significant number of juvenile trout to the Clark Fork River via a tributary recruitment study completed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in 2016.

The proposed restoration work on the Slaughter-Rue properties appears to address important limiting factors to this reach. Livestock grazing and channel alterations have negatively impacted fish habitat in this reach by simplifying the habitat and removing natural stream channel function. Revegetation of adjacent banks and floodplain should significantly improve fish habitat via bank stabilization and temperature reduction. Developing a grazing management plan will be key to developing and maintaining quality riparian vegetation into the future. Bank stabilization using proper hydrologic techniques will likely aid in developing additional fish habitat as well as developing stabile habitats that can be successfully revegetated. This revegetation is the key to long term stability and health of this reach. Overall, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks feels this is a good project that will benefit the fisheries in an important drainage.

Please contact our Fisheries Biologist, Brad Liermann, for any questions for FWP on this project.

Brad Liermann, Fisheries Biologist Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Phone: (406)825-5225

Email: Bradley.liermann@mt.gov

Thank you for considering funding this project!

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold

Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Regional Supervisor, Region 2

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rarnold@mt.gov

(406)542-5504



November 3, 2022

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Future Fisheries Improvement Program 1420 E. Sixth Ave. P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701

Dear Future Fisheries Review Panel,

The Montana Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) supports Trout Unlimited's (TU) Future Fisheries grant application for the Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Project on the Slaughter property on Flint Creek in Western Montana. This project will improve the condition of the riparian area and increase the quality of fish habitat in Flint Creek, helping to meet the goals of NRDP's *Upper Clark Fork River Basin Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans*. NRDP has partnered with TU on similar projects on adjacent reaches of Flint Creek. Together, these projects are creating a contiguous corridor of high-quality aquatic and riparian habitat that supports a robust recreational Brown Trout fishery and a migratory route for Westslope Cutthroat Trout and Bull Trout.

NRDP is committed to a dollar match of up to \$30,00 for riparian revegetation for the project and recognizes that the Future Fisheries Program will improve capacity to achieve this work and fully supports the project components identified for funding through the Future Fisheries Program.

Sincerely,

Doug Martin NRDP Restoration Program Chief 1720 9th Ave. Helena, MT 59620 October 27, 2022

Michelle McGree Future Fisheries Program Coordinator Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Fisheries Division 1420 E. Sixth Ave. P.O. Box 2007

Dear Ms. McGree,

I am writing in support of Trout Unlimited's Flint Creek
Riparian Restoration Project proposal to the Future Fisheries
Improvement Program. As the landowner for this phase of the
project, I am excited to work with your program on improving
fish and wildlife habitat on the property while improving
fisheries and habitats for Flint Creek and the Upper Clark Fork
River basin. We have been working with Trout Unlimited and
Montana Natural Resource Damage Program to begin planning
for the restoration of Flint Creek for several years now. I am
eager to participate in the project and committed to developing a
grazing management plan and installing a grazing exclosure
fence around the creek on our property. We are hopeful that
support from the Future Fisheries Program will help us make
this project a reality.

Thank you,

Bill Slaughts



Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
Future Fisheries Improvement Program
1420 E. Sixth Ave.
P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701

Dear Future Fisheries Review Panel,

The WestSlope Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to express our continued support for Trout Unlimited's Flint Creek Riparian Restoration Project and this grant application to restore Flint Creek and surrounding riparian habitat on the Slaughter property. Flint Creek is a valuable fishery for our membership that is a destination for anglers seeking to wade fish within one to two hours from Missoula. We also support the big picture goal of TU and Montana Natural Resource Damage Program to improve habitat and connectivity in Flint Creek to benefit the Upper Clark Fork River fishery.

We look forward to partnering with Trout Unlimited to engage anglers and other members on this stream restoration project. We will engage our volunteers to help plant willows onsite, which will benefit fisheries and wildlife habitat in Flint Creek. Thank you for your consideration to fund this project and accepting this letter that expresses our support.

Sincerely

Brandon Dwyer

President, WestSlope Chapter of Trout Unlimited