



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Fish Passage in the Prairie-Mountain Region

## Aquatic Habitat Conservation



The Mountain-Prairie Fisheries Program improves habitat and fish passage to benefit native species in MT, ND, SD, WY, NE, UT, CO, and KS.

Overall, we benefit more than 20 million acres of fish and wildlife habitats on military, tribal, and other lands in Region 6.



Lander FWMAO replaced a dam with cross vein boulders to stabilize the stream and improve fish passage for Yellowstone cutthroat trout while maintaining irrigation, Mill Creek, WY.

Fish Passage and Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act Programs (FRIMA) are voluntary cooperative programs to restore access to habitats.



MFWP completed the first FRIMA project in Dunham Creek, MT, a tributary in the Blackfoot drainage that supports fluvial bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout.

Our 2008 budget includes \$1 M for 20 projects which will reopen access to 469 miles of habitat in all eight states. Primary species benefited include: Topeka shiner, cutthroat trout, burbot, sauger, and multiple sturgeon species.



Removal of obsolete like the Warwick and Sheyenne dams will restore 70 miles of access to upstream migration and fishes and mussels, including black sandshell and creek heelsplitter will recolonize the habitats.



Screening the Shirley Pumping plant, will prevent entrainment and loss of native fish species such as pallid sturgeon and shovelnose sturgeon.



Renovating this improperly sized culvert will decrease erosion and increase spawning habitat access and migration of young-of-year fishes such as sauger, minnows, suckers, and burbot by 5.7 miles

With our partners, Fisheries' ongoing habitat assessment and restoration activities support the Service's Strategic Habitat Conservation priorities.

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