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Join Us in Celebrating Watershed Restoration Through Film

The Stories of Our Watersheds Film Event Displays Restoration Projects From around the Pacific Northwest

On May 7th River Restoration Northwest (RRNW) is hosting a film event at the Hollywood Theater in Portland, highlighting stream restoration actions from around the region and beyond. Stories of Our Watersheds will present fifteen films during a two hour event to share experiences and foster dialogue about multidisciplinary approaches to stream restoration and watershed and river science. The selected films showcase dam removal, placement of large wood in streams for salmon habitat, farmers and conservationists working together, community involvement, and returning water to streams and rivers as large as the Colorado River.

A RRNW panel reviewed over 40 films and the 15 films selected for this event represent a variety of conservation organizations, tribes, watershed councils, agencies and filmmakers. See attached table for a list of films, or visit the RRNW or Hollywood Theater websites for more information about the films.

What: Stories of Our Watersheds Film Event

Who: hosted by RRNW

When: May 7th, doors open at 7pm and films will be shown from 7:30 to 9:30pm

Where: Hollywood Theater, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR

Cost: \$8 advance tickets (\$1 charge per ticket will apply to online purchases)

At the door: \$9; \$7 students, under 12 or over 65

For more information visit: <http://www.rrnw.org/Films>; <http://hollywoodtheatre.org/>

RRNW is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization which seeks to advance the science and standards of practice of river restoration through educational programs that emphasize an interdisciplinary approach to promote responsible practices, discuss and exchange idea, assess projects, reflect on lessons learned, and provide technology transfer.

Event sponsored by:



Sponsorships are still available for this event. Contact film_submissions@rrnw.org for more information.



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Film	Synopsis	Submitting Organization
1,000 Miles	Orvis and Trout unlimited have partnered in the 1,000 miles campaign to remove or replace outdated or impeded culverts. This film is a dramatic demonstration of the sweeping effect of this simple and cost-effective act can have on stream health and fish habitat.	The Orvis Company, Inc.
A Better Path: Stewardship of the Metolius River	Trout Unlimited has worked with the Deschutes National Forest to restore habitat along the iconic Metolius River, well known for its fishing opportunities and inspiring scenic beauty. We are improving access and streamside vegetation, while striving to create a community of stewards committed to preserving this special river for our future.	Trout Unlimited
Asotin County Conservation District	This video highlights District success stories that protect riparian areas and improve water quality and other natural resources in Snake River Tributaries located in Southeastern Washington. Included are examples of implemented best management practices, and landowner testimonies confirming the positive impact that has been, and continues to be made.	Asotin County Conservation District
Coming Back: Restoring the Skokomish Watershed	Members of the Skokomish Watershed Action Team have been collaborating for a decade on how to best restore the Skokomish watershed, located at the southern end of Hood Canal, in western Washington. From federal agencies to the Skokomish Tribe to private citizens, this is the story of how these very different groups have worked to restore the river after decades of logging and development in the area.	Skokomish Tribe/Skokomish Watershed Action Team

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Common Ground	Common Ground tells the story of the restoration of Hunter's Hole, a portion of the Lower Colorado River near the US-Mexico border. Collaboration between Mexico, the United States, public safety, and environmental organizations enabled the project team to restore healthy native habitat to this degraded portion of the river.	Fred Phillips Consulting, LLC
Community Partners	One of a four-part series, this film follows students from Rachel Carson Middle School into the field where they plant trees, learn about riparian health and share their captivation with natural spaces. Throughout the Tualatin River Watershed, organizations and volunteers of all ages are working together to improve the environment and inspire the next generation of watershed stewards. To view the other films in the series, please visit www.JoinTreeforAll.org .	Clean Water Services
Direct Seeding – Protecting Water Quality on the Palouse	This film features large tract farmers in the Palouse Region of Eastern Washington talking about the value of and necessity for no-till and direct seeding of crops. They discuss producing better yields while improving and protecting soil and water resources.	Spokane Conservation District and Palouse Rock Lake Conservation District
Farming for Wildlife	Balancing the needs of agriculture and threatened wildlife is a complex issue in many rural communities. Learn about a project in northwest Washington where the community has found that common ground does exist between agriculture and conservation. This project demonstrates how temporary flooding fields can provide habitat for migratory shorebirds and improve soil health for farming.	The Nature Conservancy
Morse Creek Restoration	The 2010 Morse Creek Project restored 1700 feet of channel and 9.3 acres of floodplain as it existed in the 1930's prior to the installation of the dike that channelized the river. North Olympic Salmon Coalition has been monitoring the project to observe changes and ensure that the project has restored fish habitat.	North Olympic Salmon Coalition

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Partners of Fish and Wildlife: John Day Focus Area	The US Fish and Wildlife Service wanted to produce a video to share with landowners the restoration projects taking place by other ranchers and farmers in the John Day area.	Wahoo Films and US Fish and Wildlife Service
Revitalizing Rearing Habitat: The PS3 Side Channel Project	Gold dredging re-shaped the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River in central Idaho and affected fish populations. New side channel habitat will attract juvenile Chinook salmon to the area. The PS3 Side Channel Project is the successful result of a team of private landowners, engineers, and natural resource agencies.	Trout Unlimited
Stearns Dam Removal -- 100 Year History and Removal	This video provides insight into the removal of Stearns Dam from the Crooked River. The Crooked River Watershed Council led a collaborative, multi-stakeholder process to remove Stearns Dam in 2013, opening up 12 miles of the Crooked River to Chinook salmon and Middle Columbia steelhead.	Crooked River Watershed Council
The River's Will	Along the Grays River in Washington's Wahkiakum County, Columbia Land Trust is trying to do what seems an impossible task: Grow the Sitka spruce swamps of the future.	Columbia Land Trust
Willamette Futures: Bull Trout Clackamas	Willamette Futures is a look at an unprecedented effort to restore the rivers and watersheds of Oregon's largest river system. Like most big rivers, the Willamette has big problems that are far from solved, but it also has some of the most creative watershed restoration forces the world has ever seen.	Freshwaters Illustrated
Willamette Futures: Water & Wood		Freshwaters Illustrated