



## Contact Information

# 2026 Upper Columbia Regional Project Pre-Application

\* Pre-applications due March 11, 2026 (COB)

\*Complete SRFB applications due in PRISM April 17, 2026 (COB)

\*Revised SRFB proposals due in PRISM May 27, 2026 (COB)

\*Final revised applications due in PRISM June 22, 2026 (noon)

<b>Project Title</b>	Beaver Creek Confluence Acquisitions
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## Project Summary

**Please provide a description or summary of the proposed project, including project goals. The goal of the project should be to solve identified problems by addressing the root causes. Then clearly state the desired future condition.**

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation proposes to acquire two parcels near RM 36 of the Methow River to protect and allow restoration of the Beaver Creek confluence reach of the Methow River.

**What are the project objectives? Objectives support and refine biological goals, breaking them down into small steps. Objectives are specific, quantifiable actions the project will complete to achieve the stated goal. Each objective should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound).**

**Note: This exact question is included in the PRISM application. Example format: The project seeks to address [specify limiting factor(s)] for [limiting life stage(s)] by [specific actions proposed] to create an estimated [include specific target metrics, as described below] upon implementation in [estimated year].**

The project would acquire two parcels (3322270015 and the floodplain portion of 3322270017) along the Methow River near the confluence with Beaver Creek. Parcels would be acquired within one year, and would set the stage for a restoration project in this reach (Methow Alder 4 & 5), which includes low floodplain, active bars and backchannel areas.

# Budget Request

Values MAY be duplicative and do not have to equal TOTAL anticipated budget in pre-application.

Anticipated Request - SRFB \$175,000

Tributary Committee - Anticipated or Actual \$50,000

Anticipated TOTAL Budget \$225,000

## Project Location

Briefly describe the location of the project This project will occur on the Methow River between RM 35.9 to RM 36.5

Latitude (decimal degrees) 48.3267

Longitude (decimal degrees) -120.0667

Project subbasin Methow

Methow Assessment Unit(s) Methow River-Alder Creek

Does the proposed project span multiple assessment units? No

Reach(es) Name Methow River Alder 04 & Methow River Alder 05

Identify the reach(es) priority/ reach ranking. Note: If the project involves work in multiple reaches, select "Multiple" and include details in the text box that will appear below. Please reference the Prioritization Web Map: <https://prioritization.ucsrb.org/>. Rank 1 Rank 2 Multiple reaches (provide details below)

### Please detail the reach-ranking of the reaches below

Methow River Alder 05 is reach rank 1; Methow River Alder 04 is reach rank 2.

## Project Information

1. What species will the project benefit? Spring Chinook Steelhead Bull Trout Lamprey

2. Select the project's objectives and the associated tracking metrics Acquisition, Easements, Leases

Acquisition, Easements, Leases: Reporting Code Miles of streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition

Acres by Acreage Type (easement) and/or Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)

Floodplain Areas Protected\*\* this reporting metric does not appear in PRISM. Work with the LE to add this metric upon completion of project.

**4. Does this project already exist in Salmon Recovery Portal or PRISM?**

No

**5. Has this project been submitted previously for funding through the SRFB and/or other process(es)?**

No

**6. What category is the project?**

Protection

**If applicable, what is the secondary project category?**

N/A

## Design and Restoration Proposals

### Assessment Proposals

### Protection Proposals

**7. What type of protection are you proposing?**

Fee Simple

**8. Is this protection project associated with a current or future restoration project?**

Yes

**9. Placement - Does the project protect important high quality habitat and/or watershed processes and to what degree**

This project would protect some high quality rearing habitat in the form of deep pools with cover near the confluence with Beaver Creek, as well as low Methow River floodplain in the Twisp to Carlton reach. The project would also protect and allow active restoration of parafluvial bars in this active reach.

**10. Freshwater Benefit - What would be the anticipated loss in survival, capacity or distribution for target species at the reach scale if the proposed area is not protected?**

This reach of the Methow River is used extensively for rearing spring Chinook, spawning and rearing Steelhead, and has high quality holding habitat used by bull trout and steelhead.

**11. Threat - How imminent is the threat of habitat degradation to the proposed land if the project is not implemented?**

The owners of both properties are actively marketing them for sale, and if purchased could be cleared and developed for recreational purposes. Development of either one of these parcels would limit restoration options in this reach of river.

**12. Conditions - Briefly describe if there are any conditions regarding the protection of the property that could limit the protection benefits**

There are no conditions preventing fee simple acquisition and protection of these parcels.

13. Will there be public access?

Yes

## Monitoring Proposals

### Project Risk and Economic Benefits

1. What is the landownership?

Private, Cemetary District

2. Have you secured landowner participation in or acceptance for this project?

Yes

#### Please explain

The owners of the two properties are actively marketing them for sale, and they have agreed to a conservation sale at appraised value.

3. Describe any land owner requirements (e.g., design elements, right-of-ways, access agreements, liability waivers, etc.) and if/how they could affect the project

No requirements, intervening property is private common area with supportive landowners.

4. Will the project raise potential concerns for interest groups (e.g., recreational users) or the community at large (including upstream/ downstream/ adjacent landowners)?

No known concerns.

5. Who will have the responsibility to manage and maintain the project? What is the responsibility of current or future landowners?

We are proposing acquiring the property on fee simple basis. Once acquired, these parcels would facilitate active restoration of bars, islands and floodplains. In their current conditions, these parcels do not carry significant unique maintenance requirements.

6. Are other projects being proposed immediately upstream or downstream of worksite?

No

7. Please describe the risk of failure associated with this project.

Failure to acquire the parcels could limit future restoration opportunities at the confluence of this important tributary. The project is low risk, with both landowners supportive of selling at appraised value. The largest risk to this project is that one or both of the parcels appraise significantly higher than expected. Costs for acquisition are estimated based on current assessed value and professional opinion, but one of the parcels includes both an upland parcel and disjunct floodplain area, and the assessed value is not segregable.

8. Is there any public outreach planned during and/or after implementation? Does the project build community support for salmon recovery efforts?

As part of this project MSRF would work with adjacent landowners to develop opportunities for additional opportunities for both restoration or protection.

9. Does the project represent an opportunity for economic benefit? How much benefit does the project create for the dollars invested?

It is anticipated that future restoration will be developed following acquisition to take advantage of the opportunities identified in the reach assessment. All future restoration actions, including removal of the infrastructure, will use local sub contractors to increase economic benefits from state and federal restoration dollars circulation within the local and regional economy. The project also allows for public access to the Chewuch River from the county road giving recreational users access to the riparian forest.

**10. Describe any partnerships, their experience, and types of contributions supporting the project.**

Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation has over twenty years of managing and completing both acquisition and restoration projects. MSRF staff will coordinate with the appointed appraiser. Chris Johnson would work with the Cemetary district to complete a public purposes segregation to allow independent sale of the riparian and floodplain portion of that parcel.

**Optional Section - Preparation for PRISM (SRFB applications only)**

The following questions are identical to the questions RCO requires in the PRISM application for SRFB projects. If desired, sponsors can complete associated questions early and copy responses into PRISM during the "Complete Application" phase due on April x, 2026

**Do you want to review and/or pre-populate PRISM questions?**

No

## Supporting Documents

[Upper Columbia Process Guide 2026](#)

[SRFB Manual 18 \(2026\)](#)

[RCO Application Resources](#)