



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)

Project Title	Entiat Roaring Creek Fee Acquisition
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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.

The goal is to permanently protect 796.25 acres of habitat, including one mile of Roaring Creek on both sides, 2 miles of streambank total. Roaring Creek is a tributary of the Entiat River, and is an important spawning and rearing stream for steelhead. This property is located in Roaring Creek Reaches 1 and 2, both Tier 2 for protection and restoration for steelhead, and Tier 3 for protection and restoration of bull trout. It is immediately downstream of Cascadia Conservation District's current application for a "Stage 0" restoration project on USFS lands (SRFB #25-1232). The property would be permanently held and managed for conservation and restoration purposes.

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 objective is to protect 796.25 acres of habitat, including one mile of Roaring Creek on both sides, 2

miles of streambank in total, by the end of 2027. Reaches 1 and 2 of Roaring Creek have documented spawning activity in WDFW redd surveys and is categorized as a high priority assessment unit for adult migration, spawning, fry colonization, and summer rearing. Low summer base flows are listed as an unacceptable limiting factor. Channel modification, instream enhancement, and upland management are identified as actions.

Permanent protection of this property will prevent degradation from; fragmentation into private parcels, wells and septic systems, and removing riparian vegetation. It will facilitate future restoration of Roaring Creek by Upper Columbia restoration partners on projects to improve floodplain reconnection and side channel habitat.

Budget Request

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

Anticipated Request - SRFB 350,000

Anticipated or Actual Other Funding 450,000

Anticipated TOTAL Budget 800,000

Other Funding Source(s), please note if funding is anticipated or actual.

Anticipated funding from Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee is approved.

Project Location

Briefly describe the location of the project

The project is located between RM .5 and 1.5 of Roaring Creek above the confluence at RM 6 of the Entiat River

Latitude (decimal degrees) 47.675

Longitude (decimal degrees) -120.353

Project subbasin

Entiat

Entiat Assessment Unit(s)

Roaring Creek

Does the proposed project span multiple assessment units?

No

Reach(es) Name

Roaring Creek Entiat 01 and 02

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/>.

Multiple reaches (provide details below)

Please detail the reach-ranking of the reaches below

Roaring Creek Entiat 01 has Reach Rank 1

Roaring Creek Entiat 02 has Reach Rank 2

Project Information

1. What species will the project benefit?

Steelhead

Bull Trout

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)

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

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?

Maybe

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

The project would permanently protect the largest private parcel on Roaring Creek with an exceptional amount of streambank. The upstream sections are entirely within forest service ownership. Restoration projects upstream, and on this section of Roaring Creek could have a significant impact in watershed restoration. Projects could include channel modification, instream enhancement, and upland management. Roaring Creek is an important cold water tributary for the Entiat River.

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?

If Roaring Creek is not protected, there could be residential development all along this section of Roaring Creek. Failure to protect and restore Roaring Creek could lead to further stream degradation and incision, reduced riparian vegetation, and an increase in water temperature.

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

Eighty acres of the parcel along Roaring Creek are zoned RR10 and could be developed for attractive streamside recreation parcels with direct impacts to Roaring Creek (wells and septic, removing riparian vegetation, diversion of water, etc...). The remaining acres are zoned RR20 and could also be developed.

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

CDLT acknowledges that there is significant upland acreage in these parcels. The landowners have inquired with public agencies regarding acquisition, without success. CDLT recently inquired about whether WA DNR would be interested in taking a portion of these parcels, but the DNR declined. These parcels are adjoined to the west by USFS, WA DNR to the north and south, and BLM to the east. CDLT would be interested in transferring the upland portions to one of these public agencies prior to acquisition if any of them were willing. The landowner wants to sell the parcels all together and is not interested in retaining any portion of the property.

13. Will there be public access?

Yes

Monitoring Proposals

Project Risk and Economic Benefits

1. What is the landownership?

Private

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

Yes

Please explain

The landowner is willing to sell CDLT these parcels, pending a favorable appraisal, and has signed the Landowner Acknowledgement. Landowner is currently in the process of divesting from their various landholdings.

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

None.

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

None known.

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

CDLT will own and manage the property in perpetuity. There is currently a stream gauge located on the property.

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

Yes

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

There is always the risk that the landowner will not be satisfied with the appraisal results. CDLT believes that would be the only stumbling block for this project.

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

This project would make future salmon recovery projects possible and we will work with our Upper Columbia restoration partners for restoration of Roaring Creek.

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

Our communities, watersheds, and environments benefit significantly from healthy salmon populations. The funds necessary for acquisition will make further investments and recovery projects possible.

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

We are already discussing extending Cascadia Conservation District's restoration work in upper Roaring Creek downstream to this project area. CCD has done extensive salmon recovery work throughout the region. Mark Ingman of CCD has offered to support this acquisition project however he can.

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](#)