



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	2 Channels Acquisition
Sponsor	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
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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.

This project will acquire roughly 5 acres of a privately owned property between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop to facilitate riparian habitat conservation and the future development of salmonid habitat restoration projects.

Salmon habitat restoration practitioners frequently encounter challenges with private landowners when exploring suitable areas where habitat restoration can occur, severely inhibiting areas of habitat restoration to state and federally owned land. The 2 Channels area of the Methow River is no exception. However, there is a landowner willing and wanting to sell roughly 90% of their property to the Yakama Nation. This acquisition would allow their parcel to be used for riparian habitat conservation and salmonid habitat restoration to address limiting factors within the Methow River including degraded riparian areas and lack of off-channel alcove habitat.

Future salmonid habitat restoration actions that could potentially occur because of the acquisition of this property include mainstem habitat and complexity uplift, floodplain reconnection, side channel reactivation, and riparian forest establishment and conservation opportunities. A project slated for implementation in 2028 is currently in the conceptual design phase and is planned to supply off-channel alcove habitat, side channel habitat, and mainstem large wood structures for habitat complexity.

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].

Specific - acquire roughly 50% of parcel #3422310046 to facilitate riparian and salmonid habitat restoration and conservation

Measurable - pay the appropriate amount of funds to the landowner for ownership of roughly 50% of their parcel

Achievable - the landowner is willing and wanting to sell their parcel to the Yakama Nation, approaching our organization in years past about the opportunity

Relevant - obtaining this parcel opens up opportunities for riparian and salmonid habitat restoration and conservation in the Methow River

Time bound - this acquisition could be completed on a timeline that is favorable for the landowner and the Yakama Nation

This project seeks to address degraded riparian habitat and limited off-channel alcove habitat within the Methow River for juvenile and adult spring Chinook and Steelhead by acquiring the majority of a privately owned property adjacent to WDFW property, allowing for current riparian habitat conservation and future salmonid habitat restoration projects to occur to create an estimated 5 acres of Yakama Nation owned land upon implementation in 2027.

Budget Request

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

Anticipated Request - SRFB 180,000

Anticipated TOTAL Budget 180,000

Project Location

Briefly describe the location of the project The acquisition is of parcel number 3422310046, located in between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop, at approximately RM 45

Latitude (decimal degrees) 48.405975

Longitude (decimal degrees) -120.137110

Project subbasin Methow

Methow Assessment Unit(s) Methow River-Thompson Creek

Does the proposed project span multiple assessment units? No

Reach(es) Name Methow River Thompson 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 Rank 3

Project Information

1. What species will the project benefit?

Spring Chinook

Steelhead

Bull Trout

Summer Chinook

Resident Cutthroat Trout, Resident Rainbow Trout, Whitefish

2. Select the project's objectives and the associated tracking metrics

Acquisition, Easements, Leases

Acquisition, Easements, Leases: Reporting Code

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

Yes, acquisition of this parcel will protect important high quality habitat and watershed processes. On the parcel being proposed for acquisition, there is a seasonally inundated side channel and a large riparian Cottonwood forest. The majority of parcel occupies highly valuable floodplain and off-channel habitat.

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?

Capacity and distribution for target species would decline if this parcel is not acquired and utilized for habitat restoration. Currently, the seasonally inundated side channel only waters up during large volume flow events. The proposed acquisition will optimize the portion of the side channel on this parcel, which connects to the mainstem river, to enhance alcove habitat and increase the likelihood of seasonal inundations.

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

The threat of habitat degradation to the riparian Cottonwood forest and associated floodplain is currently in the 'at risk' stage due to lack of seasonal inundations of the side channel during low water years. The proposed acquisition will enhance and optimize the portion of the side channel on the parcel in order to increase the likelihood of seasonal inundations, enhancing the riparian forest and floodplain habitat conditions.

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 regarding the acquisition that would limit the protection benefits of the habitat on this parcel.

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 approached the Yakama Nation in past years initiating the opportunity to purchase a portion of their parcel. They have signed a landowner acknowledgement form stating that they are aware of this grant application moving forward. They are willing and wanting to sell a percentage of their property to the Yakama Nation.

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

The landowner would require a lot adjustment to sell an agreed upon percentage of their property. There is a residential house on the parcel which the landowner does not wish to sell. However, roughly 50% of the land is the high quality floodplain and riparian habitat that they would want the Yakama Nation to own.

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

There are no potential concerns from other interest groups in the sale of this property, to my knowledge.

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

The Yakama Nation will be responsible for management and maintenance of the property.

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

Don't know

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

There is little risk of failure associated with this acquisition.

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

There is no public outreach planned for this acquisition.

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

The acquisition represents an opportunity for habitat uplift and conservation.

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

There are no partnerships associated with this acquisition. However, WDFW owns many adjacent parcels to this land and is supportive of Yakama Nation doing projects in this area and would likely support this acquisition.

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](#)

PROJECT: 26-1636 ACQ, 2 CHANNELS ACQUISITION

Sponsor: Yakama Nation Program: Salmon State Projects Status: Application Submitted

Parties to the Agreement

PRIMARY SPONSOR

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Address PO Box 151

City Toppenish **State** WA **Zip** 98948

Org Type Native American Tribe

Vendor # SWV0013063-00

UBI

Date Org created

Org Notes

[link to Organization profile](#)

Org data updated

SECONDARY SPONSORS

No records to display

MANAGING AGENCY

Recreation and Conservation Office

LEAD ENTITY

Upper Columbia Salmon Rcy Bd L

QUESTIONS

#1: List project partners and their role and contribution to the project.

The Sabolds - primary landowner willing to subdivide and sell parcel

External Systems

SPONSOR ASSIGNED INFO

Sponsor-Assigned Project Number

Sponsor-Assigned Regions

LINK AN EXISTING SRP PROJECT

Unlink

26-1636, 2 Channels Acquisition, Salmon State Projects

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Worksites & Properties

Worksite Name

#1 SRP Import

Acquisition	Property Name
✓	Parcel Number 3422310046

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Worksite Map & Description

Worksite #1: SRP Import

WORKSITE ADDRESS

Street Address 38 Old Twisp Highway
City, State, Zip Twisp WA 98856

Worksite Details

Worksite #1: SRP Import

SITE ACCESS DIRECTIONS

From the town of Twisp, drive north on Highway 20. Take a right onto Old Twisp Highway Road. The worksite is located to the right of the road shortly after entering onto Old Twisp Highway.

TARGETED ESU SPECIES

Species by ESU	Egg Present	Juvenile Present	Adult Present	Population Trend
Chinook-Upper Columbia River Spring, Methow River, Endangered	✓	✓	✓	Unknown
Steelhead-Upper Columbia River, Methow River, Threatened	✓	✓	✓	Unknown

Reference or source used

UCSRB Prioritization Webmap

TARGETED NON-ESU SPECIES

Species by Non-ESU	Notes
Bull Trout	This project will enhance habitat that is suitable for migrating Bull Trout
Cutthroat	This project will enhance habitat that is suitable for Cutthroat trout at all life stages
Lamprey	This project will enhance habitat that is suitable for Lamprey
Rainbow	This project will enhance habitat that is suitable for Rainbow trout at all life stages

Questions

#1: Give street address or road name and mile post for this worksite if available.

Between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop, just off of Old Twisp Highway road. Coordinates to location are 48.405709 , -120.137621.

Project Location

RELATED PROJECTS

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Projects in PRISM

PRISM

Number	Project Name	Program Name	Current Status	Relationship Type	Notes
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No related project selected

Related Project Notes

Questions

#1: Did this project originate from the Shore Friendly program?

No

#2: Project location. Describe the geographic location, water bodies or habitat types, and the location of the project in the watershed, i.e. nearshore, tributary, main-stem, off-channel, etc.

The parcel we hope to acquire lies between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop along the Methow River at approximately RM 45. The Methow River is within WRIA 48 and the project location is within the Middle Methow River watershed HUC 170200080605. The parcel lies within valuable floodplain habitat that includes large sections of PFOA wetlands and a seasonally activated side-channel. A large mature Cottonwood gallery encompasses the parcel, one of the only areas with this magnitude of mature riparian vegetation along the Methow River between Twisp and Winthrop. The project area also consists of perennially inundated alcove habitat.

#3: How does this project fit within your regional recovery plan and/or local lead entity's strategy to restore or protect salmonid habitat? Cite section and page number.

This project aligns with the 2021 UCRTT Biological Strategy to protect and restore salmonid habitat within the Upper Columbia Basin by restoring watershed and habitat function by addressing limiting factors. This project will promote properly functioning geofluvial processes that control habitat diversity, riparian health, and off-channel alcove habitat for rearing fish. Restoration in this area will benefit a broad range of species and populations. Most importantly, actions that rectify the sources of habitat degradation can have more benefits to biological productivity in the long run than addressing specific instream complexity needs (Bellmore et al. 2019).

This project aligns with the following short-term and long-term objectives: protect existing areas where high ecological integrity and natural ecosystem processes persist, protect and restore water quality where feasible and practical within natural constraints, protect and restore riparian habitat along rearing streams and identify long-term opportunities for riparian habitat enhancement, protect and restore floodplain function and reconnection, off-channel habitat, and channel migration processes where appropriate, and identify long-term opportunities for enhancing these conditions.

#4: Is this project part of a larger overall project?

Yes

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#4a: How does this project fit into the sequencing of the larger project?

This acquisition is critical for the future of restoration in the area. The parcel in question is located at the downstream end of a side channel that is eligible for restoration actions to improve the functionality of the channel and increase alcove and off-channel habitat. The landowner has stated that they would like the parcel to be subdivided and sold in order for restoration projects to commence, and the downstream location of the parcel makes it a necessary piece of land for any work to be done. We currently have concepts for potential restoration actions, but acquiring this parcel is the first step in the sequence for making any of those potential projects come alive.

#5: Is the project on State Owned Aquatic Lands? Please contact the Washington State Department of Natural Resources to make a determination. [Aquatic Districts and Managers](#)

Yes

While the acquisition itself is not on SOAL, the future restoration projects that result from this acquisition will contain elements that are on SOAL

Property Details

Property: Parcel Number 3422310046 (Worksite #1: SRP Import)

✓ Acquisition Planned Acquisition Date 05/01/2027

LANDOWNER

Name Ben and Nimmi Sabold
Address PO Box 338
City Twisp
State WA Zip 98856
Type Private

OWNERSHIP

Instrument Type Deed - Other
Purchase Type Fee ownership
Term Length Perpetuity
Yrs
Expiration Date
Note

Questions

#1: Provide a detailed description of the property. Describe the habitat types, size, and quality on site (forested riparian, floodplain, wetlands, tributary, main-stem, off-channel, bluff-backed beach, barrier beach, open coastal inlet, estuarine delta, pocket estuary, uplands, etc.), critical areas on site, and any other features that make the site unique.

The property is a roughly 10 acre parcel situated on quality floodplain habitat between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop along the Methow River. The parcel contains quality habitat, including a large area of PFOA wetlands, a mature riparian Cottonwood stand, and a seasonally inundated side channel. The exit of the side channel also has perennially inundated alcoves. The parcel takes up the downstream end of the side channel, placing it in a critical location for future restoration actions to occur. The landowner has stated they would require the parcel to be subdivided and sold in order for restoration projects to occur, making acquisition of this parcel a necessary step towards restoring and enhancing the quality habitat on the project site.

#2: Describe adjacent land uses. Describe the property's proximity to publicly owned or protected properties in the vicinity. Attach a map or aerial photo in PRISM that illustrates this relationship.

The parcel neighbors WDFW property to the south and west, and a large private parcel to the north. In the past, WDFW has expressed interest in the Yakama Nation using resources to facilitate a land change of the parcel. They are currently supportive of the Yakama Nation acquiring the parcel and managing it in conjunction with the adjacent public land.

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#3: Is the property in need of restoration?

Yes

#3a: Describe the restoration needs, planned timeframe, and funding plan for implementation.

The seasonal side channel has seen decreased function over the last 10 years due to private landowner recreation, including building a road through the floodplain to access camping ground across from the side channel. Restoration of this side channel would include projects such as increasing flow from the mainstem into the channel or augmenting the downstream area to improve functionality to create more alcove habitat. Current conceptual plans for restoration include enhancing the lower section of the side channel and is planned to be implemented in 2028, however this is dependent on parcel acquisition. The Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project would lead this effort and BPA would fund this work through the 2007 Fish Accords .

#4: What is the current use and zoning for the property?

Current use is private ownership. The landowner wishes to subdivide the property and sell the riverside half to the Yakama Nation. This would be allowed with a short plat subdivision creating two parcels that are a minimum of 5 acres in size, allowable under the Okanogan county zoning guidelines.

#5: What is the property's Shoreline Master Plan designation?

The majority of the parcel to be acquired doesn't carry a Shoreline Master Plan environmental designation. There is a small area of Aquatic designation on the property. The WDFW owned parcels adjacent to the parcel to be acquired carry a Conservancy designation.

#6: What portion of the property is within the 100-year floodplain and/or designated floodway?

The entire parcel is within an A3 zone of the FEMA 100 year floodplain, representing a 1% chance of flooding.

#7: Why are federal, state, and local regulations insufficient to protect this property from degradation?

The private ownership of the majority of the floodplain land in this area creates an increased risk of habitat degradation that will negatively impact the quality habitat associated with the side channel. We have seen habitat degradation in this area due to landowner recreational use, including driving vehicles through the floodplain and across the side channel to access camping ground. Any negative impact to the side-channel will have effects that trickle down along the floodplain. Reducing the amount of privately owned land is the most significant action that will result in future positive habitat restoration and enhancement.

#8: Has the applicant requested and/or received a "waiver of retroactivity" from the RCO for the property in question? If yes, what was the sellers name, the approval date, and waiver number?

No

#9: Does the applicant hold an option or purchase and sale agreement for the property? If yes, what date will it expire?

No

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Project Proposal

Project Description

This project will subdivide and acquire roughly 5 acres of a privately owned property between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop to facilitate riparian habitat conservation and the future development of salmonid habitat restoration projects. Acquisition of this parcel is critical for future restoration, conservation, or habitat enhancement actions to occur. Acquisition of this parcel is necessary to conserve and restore high quality habitats, such as a large area of PFOA wetland, a mature riparian Cottonwood gallery, a seasonally inundated side-channel, and perennially inundated alcoves.

Project Questions

#1: Problem statement. What are the problems your project seeks to address? Include the source and scale of each problem. Describe the site, reach, and watershed conditions. Describe how those conditions impact salmon populations. Include current and historic factors important to understand the problems.

Human activity within the Methow River Valley has significantly impacted channel, riparian, and floodplain processes that support local ecosystems. Beginning in the early 19th century, an influx of Euro-American trappers and settlers decimated beaver populations and began the conversion of the Methow River's floodplain to agriculture. By the 20th century, widespread logging had taken off throughout the region, and the Methow River was used to transport logs, which required clearing 'debris' including large wood from the river (US Bureau of Reclamation, 2008). Removal of large wood and beaver dams from river channels resulted in decreased channel complexity, floodplain connectivity, and quality aquatic habitat area. As floodplains were developed with houses, roads, and irrigated farmlands, flood control structures were installed to protect these anthropogenic features, and riparian vegetation was removed from much of the landscape.

A combination of artificial levees and bank armoring (e.g. riprap) limit floodplain connectivity and lateral channel migration the 2 Channels project site. Additionally, substantial deforestation and vegetation removal associated with the establishment of agricultural areas, and removal of in-channel wood associated with 20th century logging, have reduced in-channel habitat and geomorphic complexity as well as sources of local large wood recruitment in the project vicinity. Current concerns for the 2 Channels project area also include the risk of habitat degradation due to private landowner recreation, as well as low summer and winter flows which may impact juvenile fish survival.

The combination of historic human impacts and current development negatively impact the habitat condition at the 2 Channels project area. Private landowner recreation threatens to continue habitat degradation by negatively impacting the seasonal side channel that supplies water to the PFOA wetlands and Cottonwood gallery. The seasonal side channel also produces off-channel and alcove habitat critical for juvenile salmonid rearing. Conservation, restoration, and enhancement of this side channel is a priority action for the project area.

#2: Describe the limiting factors, and/or ecological concerns, and limiting life stages (by fish species) that your project expects to address.

Limiting factors identified in the Upper Columbia Spring Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan (UCSRB, 2007) and the Upper Columbia Regional Technical Team Biological Strategy (UCRTT, 2021) include impairment of riparian, channel, and floodplain condition due to development, reduced instream structure, and impacts of low flows on juvenile salmonid survival. This area of the Middle Methow River is identified as spawning, rearing, and migration habitat for Steelhead and spring Chinook (Andonaegui, 2000).

Acquisition of this parcel will allow restoration actions to occur at the project site that will address these limiting factors and facilitate a more robust habitat for ESA listed salmonids at all life stages. The landowner has made it clear that subdividing and selling a portion of the parcel is a necessary step in order for restoration projects to occur. They will not allow restoration projects on the parcel while it is in their possession. Given the location of the parcel, acquisition is required for any projects to occur that will address the limiting factors mentioned above.

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#3: **Project Goals.** What are the 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. Include which species and life stages will benefit from the outcome, and the time of year the benefits will be realized. **Example Goals and Objectives**

The goal of this acquisition is to purchase a portion of a privately owned parcel that encompasses high quality habitat and geomorphic processes that benefit the survivability of ESA listed salmonids during their spawning, migrating, and rearing life stages. Future restoration work at this project site is dependent on this acquisition. Desired future condition includes an enhanced functioning seasonal side channel, more robust riparian and wetland habitat, and more access to perennial off-channel alcove habitat. These benefits will be utilized year round by a plethora of species.

#4: **Project Objectives.** What are the project objectives? Objectives support and refine biological goals, breaking them down into smaller 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). **Example Goals and Objectives**

1. Subdivide and purchase parcel
 - Objective: Go through the administrative process to subdivide a privately owned parcel so roughly 5 acres may be transferred to Yakama Nation ownership.
 - Measurement: Fully complete the process of subdivision and ownership transfer.
 - Relevance: Purchasing a portion of this parcel is a necessary first step in completing restoration work in this area. The parcel lies in a downstream location along the side channel flow, making it a necessary piece for cooperation if a restoration project is to take place. The landowner has made it clear they would like subdivide and sell and will not allow any restoration actions to occur before that happens.
2. Conserve, restore, and enhance habitat and fluvial processes
 - Objective: Perform conservation, restoration, and enhancement actions along the newly acquired parcel.
 - Measurement: Design and implement restoration and habitat enhancement projects as determined to be necessary. Conserve and protect areas where restoration or enhancement is not determined to be necessary.
 - Relevance: The high quality habitat in this area will guide future actions for conservation, enhancement, and restoration. This project area is of high importance in the Middle Methow and will facilitate increased natural resource value of mature riparian trees, wetlands, and important fish habitat for ESA listed salmonids.

#5: **Scope of work and deliverables.** Provide a detailed description of each project task/element. With each task/element, identify who will be responsible for each, what the deliverables will be, and the schedule for completion.

1. Subdivide and acquire parcel
 - The Yakama Nation Project Manager will undertake all responsibilities for completing a subdivision and land sale of the parcel. This will include actions such as hiring an appraiser, filing administrative paperwork with the appropriate entity, and other related tasks to complete the acquisition. Completion of this acquisition would be scheduled for calendar year 2027.
2. Design restoration work
 - The Yakama Nation Project Manager and hired consultants will continue work on habitat restoration designs. Currently, we have a 15% conceptual design package that depicts an alternatives analysis for potential restoration actions. Upon completion of acquisition, we will work to refine these concepts into permit level and eventually construction level designs. If an acquisition can be completed in calendar year 2027, restoration work could start sometime in 2028/2029, depending on how far along in the design process we are at the close of sale for the land.

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#6: **Assumptions and Constraints.** What are the assumptions and physical constraints that could impact whether you achieve your objectives? Assumptions and constraints are external conditions that are not under the direct control of the project, but directly impact the outcome of the project. These may include ecological and geomorphic factors, land use constraints, public acceptance of the project, delays, or other factors. How will you address these issues if they arise?

Assumptions and constraints to this acquisition include the smooth operation of the administrative process for a subdivision and sale to go through. There are multiple ways to subdivide a property. The most straight forward of which is a short plat subdivision. This type of subdivision would allow for a property in this zoning area to be subdivided into a minimum of 5 acre plots. Theoretically, this process should be doable at this project location. Any complications of this process could hinder or derail the effort.

Another unknown factor is what the land being subdivided will be appraised for. We see similarly subdivided properties appraise for roughly \$150,000, but with the uncertainty of the real estate market, this figure has the potential to change.

Constraints to performing any restoration actions in this project location hinge on a successful subdivision and sale of the property. The landowner has made it clear that they won't allow restoration work to be done on their land while they own it and they desire to subdivide and sell. Given the strategic location of this parcel on the floodplain, a successful acquisition is critical for any restoration or enhancement actions to occur.

#7: **Previous Lessons Learned.** How have lessons learned from completed projects or monitoring studies informed this project?

Previous acquisitions by the Yakama Nation have resulted in very successful restoration projects. In 2025, the UCHRP completed the Newby Narrows Cut 3 project on Yakama Nation acquired land along the Twisp River. This project built a side channel and added large wood to the mainstem Twisp, resulting in an additional 700 feet of high quality perennial side channel habitat and increased river complexity. The Yakama Nation Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project has a robust portfolio of habitat enhancement and restoration projects completed on acquired land. We will use these past experiences to guide the acquisition and future habitat restoration designs.

#8: **Project Alternatives.** Describe the alternatives considered and why the preferred was chosen.

Alternatives to this acquisition include not acquiring the parcel. This approach is not preferred. When the Yakama Nation approached landowners in 2010 about undertaking habitat restoration work, they initially agreed, but then retreated their willingness to participate. This non-starter has left the 2 Channels project site to sit without restoration work for the last 15 years, and we have seen the land on the upstream end of the seasonal side channel degrade during that time. With a willing landowner to sell a crucially located parcel, the Yakama Nation does not want to miss this vital opportunity. Leaving the land in the hands of private landowners creates and unpredictability that is detrimental to moving habitat restoration projects along. In this scenario, the project site has been dormant while there are beneficial habitat restoration actions that could occur to help create and enhance habitat for ESA listed salmonids.

#9: How were stakeholders consulted in the development of this project? Identify the stakeholders, their concerns or feedback, and how those concerns were addressed.

Landowner - The Sabolds approached the Yakama Nation when they bought the parcel with intent to subdivide and sell. They kickstarted this effort and are a supportive party for the acquisition.
WDFW - a majority of the neighboring parcels are owned by the state. At one point in time, WDFW tried to facilitate a land transfer, but didn't have the resources or capacity to complete the process. They approached the Yakama Nation about utilizing resources to acquire the parcel. They are supportive of the Yakama Nation acquiring this parcel and managing it in conjunction with the surrounding parcels.

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#10: **Climate Change.** Does your project address or accommodate the anticipated effects of climate change?

Yes

#10a: How will your project be climate resilient given future conditions?

The habitat restoration and enhancement projects that will take place after parcel acquisition include expanding the functionality of a seasonally inundated side channel that provides water to a mature riparian Cottonwood stand and a large area of PFOA wetlands. These critical habitats will improve overall riverine robustness to the changing climate, increasing alluvial water storage in the water table and protecting areas of land from drought and wildfire.

#10b: How will your project increase habitat and species adaptability?

The habitat restoration and enhancement projects that will take place after parcel acquisition will improve interactions between the main channel and adjacent floodplains, as well as improve conditions of the riparian flora. By enhancing these two key pieces of riverine habitat, we will improve robustness and resiliency, in turn providing more areas that are suitable for a variety of species to inhabit.

#11: **Project Team Experience.** Describe the project management team's experience managing this type of project. Describe other projects where they have successfully used a similar approach.

The Yakama Nation's Upper Columbia Habitat Restoration Project has a robust portfolio of instream, side channel, and floodplain restoration and enhancement projects, as well as acquisitions of parcels to facilitate these projects. We will use our past experience to guide the acquisition process and continue to develop quality habitat restoration projects for the future.

#12: **Veteran Involvement.** Will veterans (including the veterans conservation corps) be involved in the project? If yes, please describe.

No

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Acquisition Supplemental

#1: Do you plan to restrict or limit general public availability or use of the site in any way? If yes, describe the type of restriction, the portion of the project area that will be restricted (an illustrative map may be requested), and the reason(s) the public will be restricted.

No

We plan to manage the property in conjunction with the adjacent WDFW owned public parcels

#2: Is this a reach-scale or geographic envelope project?

No

#3: Will this project use grant funds (or match) to acquire upland acreage?

No

#4: Describe the long-term stewardship and maintenance obligations for the acquisition project.

The parcel will be managed and maintained in accordance with the surrounding parcels owned by WDFW. Yakama Nation will conduct post project monitoring and apply adaptive management actions as necessary upon completion of any habitat restoration or enhancement project.

Acquisition Metrics

Property: Parcel Number 3422310046 (Worksite #1: SRP Import)

REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Miles of Streambank and/or Shoreline Protected by Land or Easement Acquisition	0.23
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Land

Clean up of hazardous substances required (yes/no)	No
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Total cost for Land	\$150,000
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Acres by Acreage Type (fee simple)	Acres
	Riparian 5.00
	Wetlands 2.30
	Total 7.30

Acres zoned as agricultural land	0
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Existing structures on site	Structures and acres excluded for ineligible use
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Market value of property improvements	\$0
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INCIDENTALS

Appraisal

Total cost for appraisal	\$8,000
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Appraisal Review

Total cost for appraisal review	\$1,000
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Boundary line adjustment

Total cost for Boundary line adjustment	\$2,000
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Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title

Total cost for Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title	\$3,000
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Cultural resources (Acq)

Total cost for Cultural resources(Acq)	\$2,000
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Restoration or development plans (yes/no)	Yes
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Stewardship plan

Total cost for Stewardship plan	\$1,000
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Survey (Acq)

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Total cost for Survey(Acq)	\$5,000
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ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (ACQ)

Administrative costs (Acq)

Total cost for Administrative costs (Acq)	\$8,000
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Worksite Metrics

Worksite: SRP Import (#1)

Miles of Stream and/or Shoreline Treated or Protected (C.0.b)	0.22
Project Identified In a Plan or Watershed Assessment (C.0.c)	Methow River Project Opportunity Assessment (Inter-Fluve, 2011) Methow River Reach Assessment and Restoration Strategy (Inter-Fluve, 2026)
Priority in Recovery Plan	Addresses a priority action and targets a priority species
Type Of Monitoring (C.0.d.1)	Implementation Monitoring
Monitoring Location (C.0.d.2)	Downstream Onsite Upstream

Overall Project Metrics

COMPLETION DATE

Projected date of completion	12/31/2027
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PROJECT ACQUISITION

Acquisition Primary Purpose	Forestland Preservation Habitat Conservation Habitat Restoration
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ACQUISITION COST ESTIMATES

Property: Parcel Number 3422310046 (Worksite #1: SRP Import)

Work Type	Estimated Cost	Property Value Determination: Estimate of Value
Appraisal	\$8,000	
Appraisal Review	\$1,000	
Boundary line adjustment	\$2,000	
Closing, Recording, Taxes, Title	\$3,000	
Cultural resources (Acq)	\$2,000	
Land	\$150,000	
Stewardship plan	\$1,000	
Survey (Acq)	\$5,000	
Subtotal:	\$172,000	
Administration:	\$8,000	
Total Estimate For Property:	\$180,000	

Summary

Total Estimated Costs Without Admin:	\$172,000
Total Estimated Admin:	\$8,000
Total Estimated Acquisition Costs:	\$180,000

Cost Summary

	Estimated Cost	Project %	Admin/AA&E %
Acquisition Costs			
Land/Incidentals	\$172,000		

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	Estimated Cost	Project %	Admin/AA&E %
Admin	\$8,000		4.65 %
SUBTOTAL	\$180,000	100.00 %	
Total Cost Estimate	\$180,000	100.00 %	

Funding Request and Match

FUNDING PROGRAM

Salmon State Projects \$180,000 100.000000

SPONSOR MATCH

Questions

#1: Explain how you determined the cost estimates

The cost estimates were determined by referencing comparable land acquisitions and the costs accrued with completing those. These estimates may change before the final application is submitted.

Other Funding

OTHER FUNDING DETAILS

Cultural Resources

Cultural Resource Areas

Worksite #1: SRP Import

Area: Short Plat Subdivision

#1: Provide a description of the project actions at this worksite (acquisition, development and/or restoration activities that will occur as a part of this project)

This is the parcel we propose to subdivide and acquire. There will only be acquisition actions involved for this grant application.

#2: Describe all ground disturbing activities (length, width and depth of disturbance and equipment utilized) that will take place in the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Include the location of any construction staging or access roads associated with your project that will involve ground disturbance.

None

#3: Describe any planned ground disturbing pre-construction/restoration work. This includes geo-technical investigation, fencing, demolition, decommissioning roads, etc.

None

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#4: Describe the existing project area conditions. The description should include existing conditions, current and historic land uses and previous excavation/fill (if depths and extent is known, please describe).

The parcel we hope to acquire lies between the towns of Twisp and Winthrop along the Methow River at approximately RM 45. The Methow River is within WRIA 48 and the project location is within the Middle Methow River watershed HUC 170200080605. The parcel lies within valuable floodplain habitat that includes large sections of PFOA wetlands and a seasonally activated side-channel. A large mature Cottonwood gallery encompasses the parcel, one of the only areas with this magnitude of mature riparian vegetation along the Methow River between Twisp and Winthrop. The project area also consists of perennially inundated alcove habitat.

Current land use is a privately owned parcel. Historic land use is unknown and previous excavation is unlikely.

#5: Will a federal permit be required to complete the scope of work on the project areas located within this worksite?

No

#6: Are you utilizing Federal Funding to complete the scope of work? This includes funds that are being shown as match or not.

No

#7: Do you have knowledge of any previous cultural resource review within the project boundaries during the past 10 years?

No

#8: Is the worksite located within an existing park, wildlife refuge, natural area preserve, or other recreation or habitat site?

No

#9: Are there any structures over 45 years of age within this worksite? This includes structures such as buildings, tidegates, dikes, residential structures, bridges, rail grades, park infrastructure, etc.

No

#10: Describe any ground disturbing activities that you plan to undertake within the next 5 years (separate from this project).

Following a successful acquisition, we would propose to excavate areas within this parcel to enhance the functionality of the seasonal side channel and create areas of alcove habitat for ESA listed salmonids. We would potentially add large wood structures to the side channel within this parcel to promote off channel habitat complexity and cover.

Project Permits

Permits and Reviews	Issuing Organization	Applied Date	Received Date	Expiration Date	Permit #
None - No permits Required					

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Attachments

Required Attachments

7 out of 7 done

Applicant Resolution/Authorizations	✓
CCA Tribal Notification	✓
Cost Estimate	✓
Landowner Acknowledgement	✓
Map: Parcel map	✓
Photo	✓
RCO Fiscal Data Collection Sheet	✓

PHOTOS (JPG, GIF)

Photos (JPG, GIF)



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PROJECT DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS

Project Documents and Photos

File Type	Attach Date	Attachment Type	Title	Person	File Name, Number Associations	Shared
	04/16/2026	Cost Estimate	2 Channels_Cost Estimate.xlsx	BenW	2 Channels_Cost Estimate.xlsx, 707764	✓
	04/16/2026	Photo	aerial photo.jpg	BenW	aerial photo.jpg, 707643	✓
	04/16/2026	Map: Parcel map	parcel map.pdf	BenW	parcel map.pdf, 707560	✓
	04/16/2026	RCO Fiscal Data Collection Sheet	2 Channels_Fiscal Data Collection Sheet_Placeholder.docx	BenW	2 Channels_Fiscal Data Collection Sheet_Placeholder.docx, 707548	
	04/15/2026	CCA Tribal Notification	CCA-TribalNotice_Placeholder.docx	BenW	CCA-TribalNotice_Placeholder.docx, 707399	✓
	04/15/2026	Applicant Resolution/Authorizations	RCO_YN_Template_ApplicantAuthorizatio	BenW	RCO_YN_Template_ApplicantAuthoriz... 707397	✓
	04/15/2026	Landowner Acknowledgement	2Channels_LandownerAckForm.pdf	BenW	2Channels_LandownerAckForm.pdf, 707395	

Application Status

Application Due Date: 06/22/2026

Status Name	Status Date	Submitted By	Submission Notes
Application Submitted	04/16/2026	Ben Woodworth	
Preapplication	03/26/2026		

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information in this application is true and complete, and if artificial intelligence (AI) was used to prepare this application, I accept full responsibility for ensuring its accuracy and compliance. I understand incomplete applications will be rejected by RCO and that I may be asked to submit additional documentation before evaluation or approval of this project. I understand that if a grant is awarded to my project, I will be bound by all representations and commitments in this application, which RCO may enforce to the fullest extent permitted by law. (Ben Woodworth, 04/16/2026)

Date of last change: 04/16/2026

CUMULATIVE TOTALS

This sheet contains automatic calculations

Project Name	2 Channels Acquisition
SRFB #	26-1636
Sponsor	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

	OVERALL PROJECT Cost	GRANT REQUEST Amount	PRISM MATCH Amount	MATCH NOT IN PRISM Amount	Budget Check
<u>Sheet #1 Acquisition</u>					
Property Costs	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	0
Incidental Costs	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -	0
Administrative Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	0
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ -	0
<u>Sheet #2 Design</u>					
Design Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
<u>Sheet #3 Restoration</u>					
Construction Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
AA&E	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
STotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Totals	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ -	0



Methow River

Old Twisp Hwy

WDFW

Methow River

Private Landowner

Methow River

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Private Landowner

Parcel Number 3422310046

WDFW


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Old Twisp Hwy

Methow River

State Route 20

Methow River



Levee
Riprap

Feet
0 500 1,000

