



Conserving signature landscapes and vital habitat together with the landowners and communities of the Columbia River region.

Columbia Land Trust

- Initiatives
 - Habitat
 - Working Forests
 - Urban Crown Jewels
 - Working Farms and Ranches
- Priorities and Focal Areas – East Cascades
 - Klickitat River
 - Hood River
 - The Dalles
 - The Columbia River Gorge



Tools and Strategies

- Tools
 - Conservation easements
 - Fee simple
 - Conservation lease
 - Estate planning
 - Mitigation (limited)
 - Memorandum of Understanding
- Strategies
 - Willing landowners
 - Public and private partnerships
 - Community awareness and participation
 - Careful advocacy



Accomplishments on the Klickitat River



Dillacort Creek Logging Camp Creek & Klickitat Cliffs

- Bargain sales from rancher, Bill Giersch
- Almost 2,000 acres fee simple ownership
- Restoration projects are underway

Oak Woodland Restoration



Desired future condition

- Improve mast production and wildlife cavity resources
- Increase light levels to understory to recover native grasses/forbs
- Reduce risk of high severity fire and reintroduce historic fire regime
- Increase large diameter down wood level at levels that don't contribute to fire severity
- Balance fire fuels objectives with western gray squirrel habitat management
- Effectiveness monitoring

BEFORE



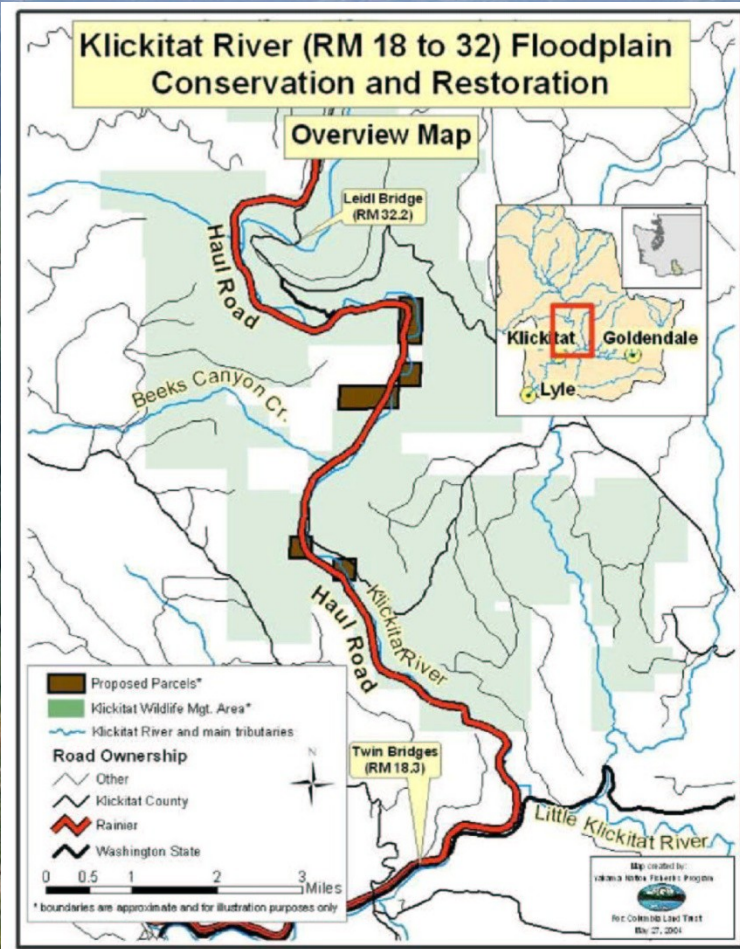
AFTER



Oak Woodland Understory Restoration



Accomplishments on the Klickitat River



Haul Road

- Purchased from Hancock with SRFB funds
- 14 river miles
- Last private access
- Restoration potential

Haul Road Restoration



Restoration potential for steelhead habitat

- Top tier reach
- Highly ranked for steelhead restoration by Klickitat Subbasin EDT model
- Partnership with Yakima Nation Fisheries Program, SRFB Funding
- Limiting factors: Channel complexity and bank structure
- Habitat enhancements: Breaching portions of the road to restore connectivity and pulling back and re-vegetating fill materials to enhance riparian vegetation.

