

ABSTRACT:

Columbia Land Trust, a non-profit organization based in Vancouver, WA, has successfully worked with private landowners in the Klickitat River watershed to conserve nearly 2,000 acres of oak and pine woodland, mixed conifer forest, and riparian habitats along the Klickitat River. We are currently engaged in a 150-acre oak woodland restoration project at Dillacort Creek and Logging Camp Canyon to reduce stand density, enhance wildlife nesting and forage resources, reduce fire fuel levels, and establish native vegetation in the understory. We are also, in partnership with Yakama Nation Fisheries, planning an effort to restore hydrologic function and floodplain re-connection along the Klickitat River between river mile 18 and 32, where these functions have long been impaired by the haul road. This presentation will provide a broad overview of conservation and management strategies employed by the Land Trust, as well as an overview of our current and future restoration plans in the Klickitat River watershed.