

**An overview and update from the local salmon habitat recovery hub:
the Klickitat Lead Entity**

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Abstract:

In 1999 the Klickitat Lead Entity Organization was established pursuant to chapter 77.85 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for a geographic area that includes the Klickitat River basin (WRIA 30), White Salmon River basin (WRIA 29B), and Rock-Glade Watershed Resource Inventory Area (WRIA 31) as well as the Columbia River mainstem from the confluence with the White Salmon to the Yakima River. Consisting of a committee of local citizens, a committee of local technical experts, and an administrative body and staff, the organization's primary function is to provide a citizen-based evaluation and prioritization of salmon habitat restoration and protection projects that are proposed for grant funding through Washington State's Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) program. The Lead Entity provides an infrastructure to guide investments, assists in combining local science and social values to identify salmon recovery projects, and aids in prioritizing projects to maximize the public's investment. To date the SRFB has awarded a total of \$7.88 million in grant funds, with project sponsors contributing more than \$2.4 million in value, to fund 45 projects in the Klickitat Lead Entity area. This presentation provides a brief overview of recently funded SRFB projects and some highlights and photos of those projects.