

Market-based water acquisition and restoration tools

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Washington Rivers Conservancy facilitated a reverse water right auction for Manastash Creek water right holders as a method to acquire water for instream flow. All water right holders in Manastash Creek with surface water rights confirmed by the Yakima Adjudication Court were invited to submit bids to sell all or a portion of their water rights to the state in an effort to increase flows in the creek by at least 3 cubic feet per second.