

Steelhead Monitoring on Satus, Toppenish, and Ahtanum Creeks

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The Yakama Nation Fisheries Resource Management Program monitors the steelhead populations on the Ahtanum, Toppenish, and Satus watersheds. Our three pass redd count surveys of all known steelhead spawning habitat in the Satus Creek watershed conducted annually between the months of March and May provides a good index to track spawning escapement of that DPS. Redd count surveys in Toppenish and Ahtanum Creeks are usually less complete because of poor access and high flows; however, still provide information on timing and distribution. We also operate rotary screw traps on each tributary to monitor the steelhead out-migration between the months of November and June each year.