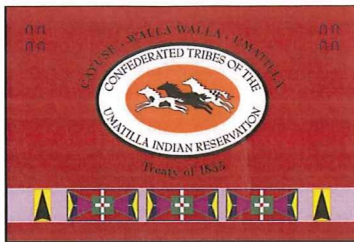


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RE: Meacham Creek Floodplain Restoration and In-Stream Enhancement Project River Mile 6 to 7.1 Project

I wanted to personally thank you and the field crew of Tapani Underground, Inc. and Aquatic Contracting for the outstanding work completed on Meacham Creek, major tributary to the Umatilla River. The project was a collaborative effort between 13 partners to restore, enhance and protect 70 acres of floodplain habitat and restore stream morphology while enhancing habitat for listed Mid-Columbia River steelhead and Columbia River basin bull trout, re-introduced spring Chinook salmon and other native fish. The project is located on both CTUIR and Umatilla National Forest lands and both were integrated in overseeing construction of the project.

The Meacham Creek Project was highly technical and ambitious and your construction team overcame many obstacles with our implementation management team during the course of the project. Your ability to use electronic grade control during channel and floodplain excavation was efficient and instrumental in quality work during construction. Your crew worked well with the USFS engineer team to maintain sediment control during an unusually high water year. They also were sensitive to the environment and working closely with me to protect and salvage vegetation for use within the project. Lastly, your staff was diligent in completing a product that met design specifications with quality work, and when obstacles arose worked closely with the me and the implementation team to understand and overcome them in a way to better the project.

Thanks again for your integrity and straightforwardness during the project. I would be glad to be a reference on future jobs.

Sincerely,

Michael Lambert  
CTUIR Umatilla Basin Habitat Project Leader  
Meacham Creek Project Manager