

PROJECT: 24-1243 Restoration, Skookum Valley Riparian Management

Sponsor: South Puget Sound SEG Program: Salmon State Riparian

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a riparian planting and stewardship portfolio with TWO separate worksites along Skookum Creek or within the floodplain and adjacent riparian areas. Both properties are owned by the Squaxin Island Tribe and have received some of level riparian or stream restoration. Specific treatments for each work site will vary depending on the needs and level of prior treatments at each site, with each site to receive three years of planting maintenance following either new installations or stewardship plantings. At one of the sites (River Mile 6.5), a new riparian planting will be installed for the first time with the intent of converting open, grass and shrub dominated areas to riparian forest, and to improve conifer density in existing forest areas. At the remaining site (Skookum Ranch), stewardship activities will include replacing plants and increasing plant densities within prior planted areas and conducting maintenance. This project will benefit riparian habitat, in turn providing an ecological lift for stream functions and salmonids including coho and chum salmon.

#### **PROJECT CONTACTS**

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#### **PROJECT MAP**





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### **WORKSITE #4: Skookum Valley Riparian Sites**

**CR Area: Garden Site** 

 City:
 n/a
 Township:
 n/a

 County:
 n/a
 Range:
 n/a

 Lat/Long:
 47.12514725, -123.11326353
 Section:
 n/a

#1: Provide a description of the project actions at this worksite (acquisition, development and/or restoration activities that will occur as a part of this project)

Work at all three sites will include restoration activities (planting) requiring ground disturbing activities including scalping, cutting, and hole digging.

#2: Describe all ground disturbing activities (length, width and depth of disturbance and equipment utilized) that will take place in the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Include the location of any construction staging or access roads associated with your project that will involve ground disturbance.

Ground disturbance will occur to depths of 18" at planting and maintenance locations within areas up to 200 feet wide and 600 feet long.

#3: Describe any planned ground disturbing pre-construction/restoration work. This includes geo-technical investigation, fencing, demolition, decommissioning roads, etc.

None

#4: Describe the existing project area conditions. The description should include existing conditions, current and historic land uses and previous excavation/fill (if depths and extent is known, please describe).

See attached Scope of Work and description for each site. Current land uses include conservation and restoration; past land uses are varied but include land conversion and agriculture.

#5: Will a federal permit be required to complete the scope of work on the project areas located within this worksite?

Unknown

#6: Are you utilizing Federal Funding to complete the scope of work? This includes funds that are being shown as match or not.

Unknown

#7: Do you have knowledge of any previous cultural resource review within the project boundaries during the past 10 years?

Yes

Summarize the previous cultural resource review; including lead agency and date of review, reference name and numbers, etc. If RCO, include the prior phase grant number. NOTE: Do not provide any site-specific information considered confidential. Attach previous surveys or other reference documents.



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Squaxin Island Tribe's Archaeologist conducted the review and holds the results on file.

#8: Is the worksite located within an existing park, wildlife refuge, natural area preserve, or other recreation or habitat site?

No

#9: Are there any structures over 45 years of age within this worksite? This includes structures such as buildings, tidegates, dikes, residential structures, bridges, rail grades, park infrastructure, etc.

No

**CR Area: Ranch Site** 

 City:
 n/a
 Township:
 n/a

 County:
 n/a
 Range:
 n/a

 Lat/Long:
 47.12049865, -123.12830688
 Section:
 n/a

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 City:
 n/a
 Township:
 n/a

 County:
 n/a
 Range:
 n/a

 Lat/Long:
 47.10132197, -123.18502783
 Section:
 n/a

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Date	Attachment Type	Title
02/27/2024	Map: Restoration Worksite	Skookum Valley Riparian Worksite Map Feb27.2024.pdf
10/03/2024	Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE)	Project APE Report (10/03/24 15:44:24)
10/03/2024	Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE)	Project APE Report (10/03/24 15:57:26)



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10/03/2024 Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE) Project APE Report (10/03/24 16:04:05)

10/04/2024 Map: Area of Potential Effect (APE) Project APE Report (10/04/24 11:08:35)