

Project Name	Applicant Name	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	In-kind Contributions	Total Project Cost	Vote
TU- Stauffer Creek Restoration	Trout Unlimited	\$75,000	\$676,000	\$48,000	\$799,000	Consensus to fund

Executive Summary

The Stauffer Creek project was developed over a four year period with the Bartschi family and truly represents a collaborative conservation project that improves agricultural operations and aquatic resources on lower Stauffer Creek. The discussions with the landowner have led to a proposal that supports integrative aquatic improvements on a historically degraded reach of Stauffer Creek while also providing new infrastructure to support the family's agricultural operation. This proposal is a culmination of a shared conservation vision and the funding and support from a multitude of partners.

The project is consistent with Idaho BCT Plan (IDFG 2007) and will benefit resident and migratory Bonneville cutthroat trout (BCT) in Stauffer Creek. The diversion dam on Stauffer Creek is a major fish passage issue for migratory BCT that use Stauffer Creek for spawning due to its location 0.8 miles up from the Bear River. Restoration of the stream channels in the project areas are expected double the amount of aquatic habitat and promote spawning habitat. Improvements to wetlands, wet-meadow, and riparian habitats are expected to improve wildlife habitat. In addition, additional 3.3 acres of wetlands will be created and will be beneficial to amphibians and waterfowl.

The project is complimentary to fencing and fish passage improvement projects completed by partners in the sub-watershed and is representative of a quality partnership project.