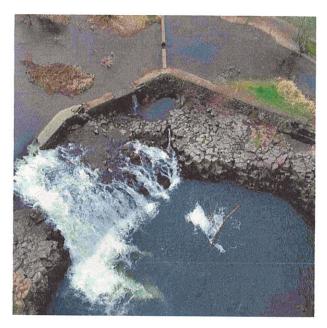
## **Scotts Mills Dam Removal**

## **Project Summary**

Butte Creek S. Daly 1988

The cement and boulder dam located on the Scotts Mills falls will be removed according to designs pro-vided by ODFW. The project will improve access to habitat for wild, native Upper Willamette ESU winter steelhead and Chinook salmon (Molalla DPS), and Pacific lamprey.

ODFW, Clackamas SWCD, PRWC, and NFS will collaborate to implement the removal of the structure, enhance vegetation, and monitor the area for presence of steelhead redds and movement of sediment.





## We need your support!!

Contact the Marion County Commissioners to let them hear your input!!!

## By Mail:

Commissioners 555 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

By Email: commissioners@co.marion.or.us

By Phone: 503-588-5212

For more information Contact the Pudding River Watershed Council – Anna Rankin 503-548-7159



190 Garfield Street Woodburn, Oregon 97071

December 28, 2020

Mr. Kevin Cameron, Mrs. Danielle Bethelle, Mr. Colm Willis Marion County Board of Commissioners 555 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Restoration of Stream Function at Scotts Mills Falls

We write to inform the Board of Commissioners of updates to the status of our restoration proposal at Scotts Mills Falls and to request the BOC's collaboration by way of providing landowner permission to proceed. The Pudding River Watershed Council is the voluntary nonprofit organization (ORS 541.910) officially recognized to represent the Pudding River Watershed. At this time, through research and evaluation, we have prioritized the removal of the obsolete diversion structure on Butte Creek at Scotts Mills Falls because it will increase access to adequate habitat and improve the survival of threatened native fish species in the Molalla-Pudding Basin.

The following list is provided to help bring the County up to date as to the status of the project:

- 1. The award secured by the PRWC from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Department of Fish and Wildlife is \$93, 065.
- 2. The project timeline has been extended until December 2021.
- 3. The Marion County Parks Commission voted unanimously on 11/19 to remove the structure.
- 4. The City of Scotts Mill voted to support the project.
- 5. The project design was completed by professional civil engineer, Scott Johanessen.
- 6. The community responded favorably to articles published in the Statesman Journal and Our Town.
- 7. Prior to Covid, community outreach was established in person at the weekly coffee chats and monthly community breakfasts.
- 8. We have done the background work and are ready for the County to sign the Joint Permit application for the regulatory agencies required before implementation.
- 9. Following the permit approvals, we will be ready for landowner signatures for permission to proceed.

We would like to have an opportunity to bring our request for landowner signature before the Board of Commissioners on January 13<sup>th</sup> or January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us to let us know when we will be able to get on their agenda. The permit application is attached, and attention is needed at Section 13. Also, Section 11 is a point for review and clarification. I was told that this was not necessary, but I would like to verify this with the County.

We are requesting time before the Board of Commissioners in case there are any remaining questions. If the Board of Commissioners wishes to sign the permit application without our in-person appeal, please feel free to sign Section 13, and we will return a signed application to you. This is a great project and will improve not only habitat for fish and wildlife, but it will also improve recreational access and public safety.

Respectfully,

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The Pudding River Watershed Council requests public support for the removal of the Scotts Mills dam. The project proposal has received an agreement for funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and Department of Fish and Wildlife. The structure is in disrepair, and the project is important because Butte Creek is one of two important winter steelhead streams within the watershed. The dam structure decreases the number of adults able to successfully return to quality spawning habitat.

The deconstruction activities are planned following Labor Day 2021. A portion of the gravel impounded behind the wall, the boulders, and the cement cap and basin will be hauled to Davis Creek Rock Quarry.

We request that community members contact the Marion County Commissioners to express their support for the removal of the dam. Any of following ways will work: write a letter, send an email, call the office, or appear for public comments.

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Email - commissioners@co.marion.or.us

Call (503) 588-5212

In person on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for public comments in the general Board sessions 9:00 a.m. Senator Hearing Room, 555 Court Street NE, Salem

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