

Fish Barriers discussion paper

Notes for Wilderness, recommended Wilderness, and other Roadless lands

Definitions:

- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Manipulation – any project which makes a lasting change to the natural environment to benefit fish or wildlife species. Involves changing the character of the habitat through some manipulation of terrain, vegetation, drainage, or other features. May include creating barriers to fish or wildlife movement.
- Fish Control Projects – projects which trap, poison (chemical treatments), remove or otherwise specifically select fish species to eradicate, control or lower numbers currently existing in streams, lakes or other water bodies. Typically fish control projects do not result in a permanent change to the habitat, but rely on natural features (waterfalls, logjams, boulders, etc...), or temporary features (fish screens, weirs, bladders, etc...) to separate fish populations. Most fish control projects use pesticides (pissicides – Roetnone) to control fish populations.

Type of Land	Type of Activity	Responsibility	Process
Wilderness	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Chief	Complete MRDG and NEPA, request authorization from Chief.
Wilderness	Fish Control Project	Regional Forester	Complete MRDG and NEPA, request authorization from Regional Forester.
Recommended Wilderness	Fish Habitat Manipulation	RF or Forest Supervisor (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, Approve on local unit
Recommended Wilderness	Fish Control Project	RF or Forest Supervisor (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, Approve on local unit
Other Roadless	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Forest Supervisor	Complete NEPA, Approve on local unit
Other Roadless	Fish Control Project	Forest Supervisor	Complete NEPA, Approve on local unit
Wilderness/WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Chief	Complete MRDG and NEPA, Complete Section 7 determination, request authorization from Chief.
Wilderness/WSR	Fish Control Project	Regional Forester	Complete NEPA, complete Section 7 determination if needed, request authorization from Regional Forester.
Recommended Wilderness/WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	RF or Forest Supervisor	Complete NEPA, Complete Section 7 determination, request

		(depends on Forest Plan)	authorization from RF, approve on local unit.
Recommended Wilderness/WSR	Fish Control Project	RF or Forest Supervisor (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, complete Section 7 determination if needed, request authorization from Regional Forester, approve on local unit
Other Roadless/WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	RF or Forest Supervisor (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, Complete Section 7 determination, request authorization from RF, approve on local unit.
Other Roadless/WSR	Fish Control Project	RF or Forest Supervisor (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, complete Section 7 determination if needed, request authorization from Regional Forester, approve on local unit
WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, Complete Section 7 determination, request authorization from RF, approve on local unit.
WSR	Fish Control Project	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on Forest Plan)	Complete NEPA, complete Section 7 determination if needed, request authorization from Regional Forester, approve on local unit
Suitable WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, conform with policy - do free-flow analysis, ensure no adverse affect to ORV's and classification, approve on local unit.
Suitable WSR	Fish Control Project	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, conform with policy – do free-flow analysis, ensure no adverse affect to ORV's and classification, approve on local unit
Eligible WSR	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, conform with policy - do free-flow analysis, ensure no adverse affect to ORV's and classification, approve on local unit.

Eligible WSR	Fish Control Project	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, conform with policy - do free-flow analysis, ensure no adverse affect to ORV's and classification, approve on local unit
Other Rivers	Fish Habitat Manipulation	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, approve on local unit.
Other Rivers	Fish Control Project	Forest Supervisor or District Ranger (depends on delegations)	Complete NEPA, approve on local unit