



TROUT CREEK WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Trout Creek Swamp is a unique 28-acre brown moss fen located 10 miles west of Sisters, near the Three Sisters Wilderness. The wetland has historically been home to an assemblage of insectivorous sundew and bladderworts, and unique brown mosses known to be extremely rare outside of Canada.

Although the site currently supports patches of these plant communities, ditching efforts in the 1930's have changed the hydrology of the site, resulting in draining of the wetlands, encroachment by lodge pole pine and the establishment of reed canary grass, an invasive weed.



RESTORING FISH, WILDLIFE AND NATIVE PLANTS

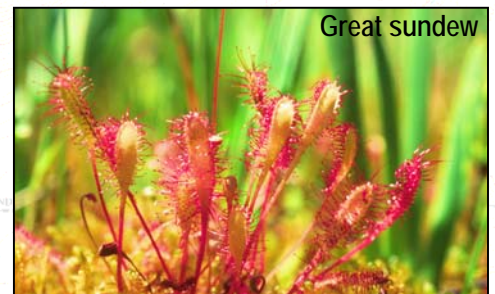
In an effort to reverse the effects of historic ditching, the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and the USFS Sisters Ranger District have partnered to implement a two-year project to restore site hydrology, improve downstream habitat conditions for redband trout, control invasive weeds and enhance available habitat for wildlife and rare wetland plants (see photos).



Native redband trout in Trout Creek



Cotton grass and brown moss



Great sundew

The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit community organization committed to protecting and restoring clean water, healthy fisheries and overall watershed health in the 2,000,000-acre upper Deschutes River watershed.

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