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Bad News First -



EVENT POSTPONED!

Our March 17, 2023 *Eager Beavers* Premier event has been postponed. Wild Kingdom has postponed the release of their next 5 episodes in their "Protecting the Wild" series, including *Eager Beavers*. We are sad but hopeful that we can celebrate this premier with our communities later this summer when we have a new release date. We hope you'll join us then. Until then, we can do even better for getting our community involved and excited about beaver based watershed restoration and resilience.....

Come Join Us in the Field this Spring, Summer and Fall!!! Email, call or go to our website www.methowbeaverproject.org and subscribe to our eNewsletter to get on our Stream Stewards and Beaver Naturalists Volunteer Call List for beaver-based restoration and beaver relocation events.

GOOD NEWS - Spring is Almost Here!

That means more opportunities to restore our streams, floodplains, and wetlands, slow water down, spread it out, recharge our groundwater and see higher flows in the dog days of September for it. It also means adorable baby beavers!!!! Our community can build resiliency to our changing climate together. One of our best long term solutions is in partnership with our native, furry ecosystem engineers!

During our long, cold, and snowy winter, while the beavers have hopefully been snug in their lodges living off of hard earned underwater food caches, the Methow Beaver Project staff has been: analyzing last year's water quality data, collecting winter stream restoration monitoring data, writing reports, applying for grants, participating in the WA and National Beaver Working Groups, pursuing beaver management policy changes, presenting at events and conferences, and building our team's capacity. We are ramping up for another great field season of beaver-based stream restoration, beaver coexistence services for landowners, the needed beaver relocations we must do, and a plethora of education and outreach events.

We will soon pick up where we left off in the Fall, with restoration efforts planned for multiple local tributary streams. This restoration work involves installing beaver dam analogs (BDA's- see picture below), getting woody structure back into streams, planting native riparian veg, and relocating beavers who need a new home. Feel free to send us an email at methowbeaverproject@methowsalmon.org, or send us a Facebook message if you want to get involved in some hands-on, rewarding stream restoration and watershed stewardship! We love having volunteer help for our workdays in the field!



Join us for some fun fieldwork helping restore natural watershed processes in wildfire impacted streams!

Recent Events

In early February, the whole MBP staff team traveled to Stevenson, Washington, in the beautiful Columbia Gorge for the 2023 River Restoration Northwest Symposium. During this 4-day professional conference, our team had the opportunity to expand our knowledge, find new inspiration, and connect with other restoration professionals doing similar work in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Our director, Alexa, organized an entire session devoted to beavers as a critical and pragmatic partner in stream restoration! Alexa kicked off this session with a presentation summarizing the successes, challenges, and opportunities associated with beaver-based restoration. Some close friends of the project also presented on different aspects of beaver-based restoration and beaver coexistence, including Jen Weddle from the Okanogan Highlands Alliance, Elyssa Kerr from Beavers Northwest, and Sarah Koenigsberg of the film *Beaver Believers* fame. We met and shared experiences with many other bright stars in the world of stream restoration and came away freshly inspired with new ideas, new collaborators, and reinvigorated enthusiasm for the work still to come.



The Team on Day 1 of the conference!



Alexa presenting to over 400 conference participants on the successes, challenges, and opportunities associated with beaver-based restoration.

TWO WAYS OF KNOWING Program
with Sarah Fox and MBP and 4th Grade Future Stewards of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation



Using a 3D watershed model Fourth Grade students at Paschal Sherman Indian School explored how various activities and daily water choices impact water health. The concept was moved outside where students tested the water quality by identifying macroinvertebrates in Omak creek.



Inquiring minds at work identifying macroinvertebrates

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PRACTITIONERS & FOR OUR WATERSHED COMMUNITIES

For Practitioners - hosted by MBP

Beaver Coexistence, Relocation, and Restoration Practitioner Workshops

April 10-14, April 20-21, June 12-16

We are hosting a series of knowledge sharing workshops for watershed restoration practitioners during the week of April 10th-14th, April 20-21st, and June 12th-16th. During these workshops, we will share methods for low-tech, beaver and process-based restoration, including building BDA's and PALS, planting riparian vegetation for beaver establishment, and relocating beavers from conflict. We will also share strategies to help landowners coexist with beavers as we all re-learn how to share space with nature for a sustainable future. If you are a stream restoration practitioner, or in a related field and are interested in attending this workshop, shoot us an email at methowbeaverproject@methowsalmon.org.

For Our Watershed Communities

April 22nd, 2023

- 2nd Annual EARTH Day Celebration with Methow Recycles at the Doran Ranch. Learn More here: <https://www.methowrecycles.org/events/project-one-f5w4d-s585y>

June 10th, 2023

- Kid's Fishing Day at the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery 10am-2pm

July 4th, 2023

- Methow Arts' Annual Arts Fest on Independence Day 11:30am-4pm

Thank you for your ongoing support and growing appreciation of beavers and natural processes returning to our watershed.



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