

US Forest Service Fish and Aquatic Organism Passage Programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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USFS Infrastructure Law Fish Passage Funding Programs

- Legacy Roads & Trails Remediation (LRT)
- Collaborative-based Aquatic-focused Landscape-scale Restoration (CALR)
- Dam Decommissioning

Legacy Roads & Trails Remediation

- \$250 Million over 5 years
- Criteria:
 - Aquatic passage
 - Threatened/endangered species, NFHP priority species
 - Reducing sediment impacts
 - Increasing climate resilience
 - Source water protection
- Project types:
 - AOPs, road decommissioning, road and trail relocation

FY22, FY23 Legacy Roads & Trails Remediation

- \$40 Million allocated in FY22
- 120 Projects across all USFS Regions
- EBTJV range – 15 projects, 37 miles reconnected, \$1.3 Million

- FY23
- 100 projects across all Regions
- EBTJV range – similar to FY22

Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration Program (CALR)

Authorized \$80 over 5 years

- Criteria:
 - Fish passage
 - Miles of water quality improved
 - On federal, tribal & non-federal lands
- Project types:
 - Culvert upgrades, dam removals, irrigation weir retrofits, habitat or water quality improvements

CALR FY22/FY23 projects

- \$25 Million committed to 11 projects in FY22.
- An additional \$29 Million committed to 10 projects in FY23.
- No Eastern Brook Trout Projects
- AOP dam removal, culvert and irrigation diversion projects will restore
 - 277 miles for fish and aquatic organism passage.
 - 337 miles improved for water quality.

Dam Decommissioning

- \$10 Million over 5 years
- Criteria:
 - USFS owned
 - Non-hydropower
 - High hazard
- Project types:
 - Dam decommissioning focused on 5-10 high hazard dams

Trout Unlimited Keystone Agreement

- \$40 Million over 4 years
- AOP, stream and watershed restoration, abandoned mineland restoration
- 170 or so individual projects across all 9 US Forest Service Regions
- Eastern Brook Trout – 9 National Forests
- ~ 30 brook trout projects planned

Questions?



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