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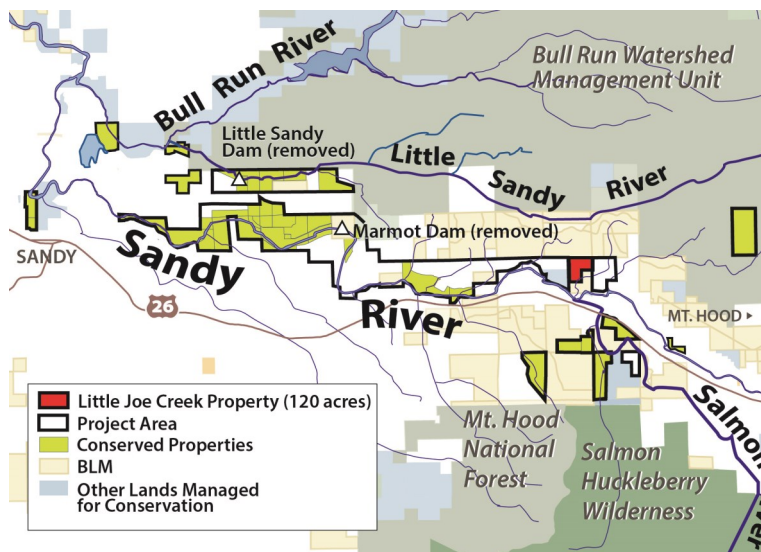
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Sandy River Oregon: Conserving Lands on Portland's Backyard River

Western Rivers Conservancy protected another 120 acres of fish and wildlife habitat along Oregon's Sandy River last month. With the completion of this project, WRC has now conserved over 4,500 acres along the Sandy and its tributaries, helping ensure that Portland's backyard river stays healthy for generations to come. The project protected nearly half a mile of Little Joe Creek, an important salmon and steelhead-bearing tributary to the Sandy River. The Sandy's imperiled runs of winter steelhead, coho salmon and fall and spring Chinook are all listed under the Endangered Species Act. WRC's efforts throughout the basin, including our work on Little Joe Creek, are conserving prime habitat for all of these fish.

Steve Terrill Photo



Salmon River/Pole Creek, Idaho: Protecting a Lifeline for Spawning Salmon

Beneath the snowcapped peaks of Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains, Western Rivers Conservancy has successfully conserved a mile of Pole Creek, one of the most important salmon spawning streams in the upper Salmon River basin. Pole Creek is exceptionally rich in nutrients and insect life and harbors some of the upper Salmon River's best habitat for salmon, steelhead and bull trout. WRC contributed a critical piece of the Pole Creek puzzle by purchasing a 619-acre property along a mile of the stream and conveying it to the Sawtooth National Forest for restoration and permanent protection. Our efforts at Pole Creek will eliminate future grazing in the stream's sensitive riparian areas and prevent development along this key reach of the creek. The project also protects a short reach of the mainstem Salmon River itself.

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