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Big Pine Creek Culvert Replacement Project

The Big Pine Creek Culvert replacement project is located about 23 miles from Banks, ID on State Highway 55. The



culvert was a barrier to Columbia River bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*). Big Pine Creek is a tributary to the South Fork of the Payette River, and replacement of the

culvert with an open-bottom box structure allowed for bull trout access from the Payette River to Big Pine Creek. The two photographs show the culvert, and fish barrier, prior to replacement.



The Big Pine Project was a challenging project involving Boise County, West Central Highlands RC&D, a private contractor who managed the project (Aspen M, Inc.), and the



Forsgren Associates, Inc. engineering firm. A grant from the Western Federal Lands Highway Division funded the \$850,000 project. The three pictures show the culvert during construction and



then the final product.

The engineering team and construction crew did a great job...with the end result being vastly improved opportunities for bull trout to access this tributary.

