
POST PROJECT MONITORING

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The purpose of this module is to provide an **awareness** of the post-project Monitoring Program at WSDOT. We'll explore topics which make up the **framework** of the Monitoring Program. We will discuss the difference between assessing fish passage and stream performance, identify specific **design elements** that can impact fish passage, and touch on how the monitoring results can inform **future designs**.



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Nyctophobics
Claustrophobics
Arachnophobics
Beware!!

Tammy Schmidt, Fish Passage Biologist, HQ
June, 2020

Roger Millar, Secretary of Transportation
Keith Metcalf, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Purpose: *To provide awareness of WSDOT's post-project Monitoring Program – the requirements under the Injunction, what is monitored, and why*

- ☐ Program genesis
- ☐ Injunction requirements
- ☐ Protocol evolution
- ☐ Plan content
- ☐ What's not included
- ☐ Data results
- ☐ Project feedback



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Monitoring Program History

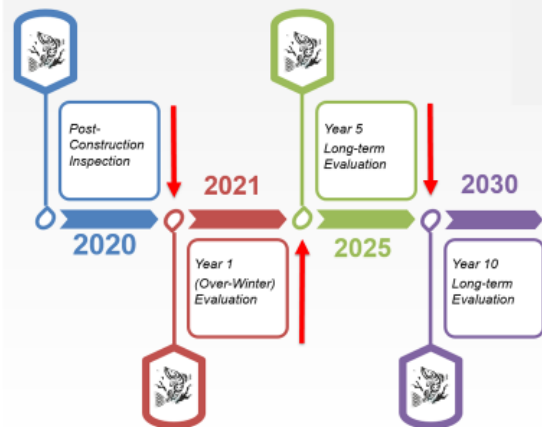


Washington State and Western Washington Treaty Tribes
Culvert Injunction Implementation Guidelines 2019
11/04/2019

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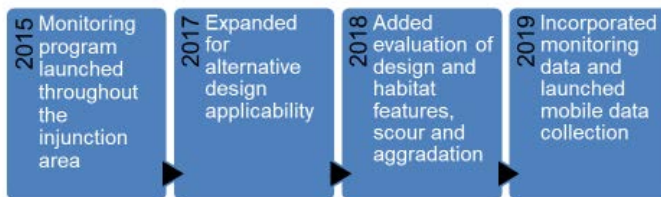
Monitoring Intervals



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Protocol Evolution



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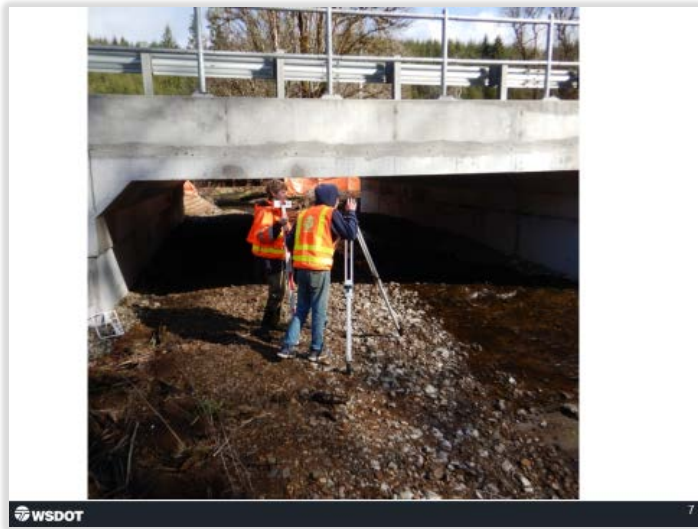
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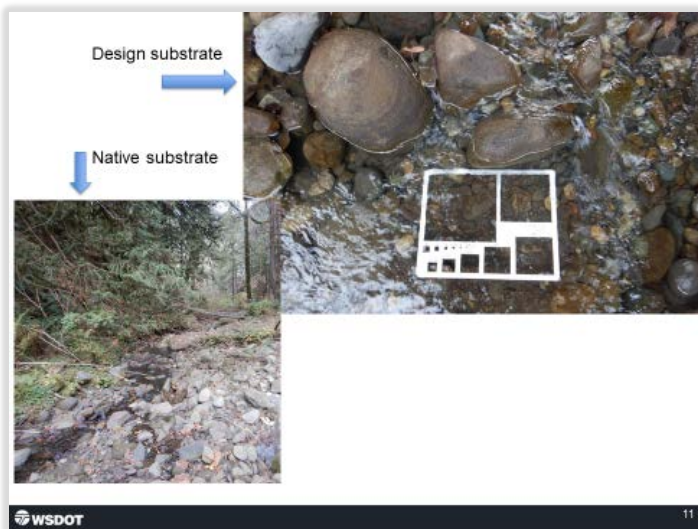
- ☐ Structure type
- ☐ Alignment/Configuration
- ☐ Structure dimensions
- ☐ Streambed substrate
- ☐ Streambed shape (cross section)
- ☐ Streambed slope (profile)
- ☐ Hydraulic and habitat features identified in the design

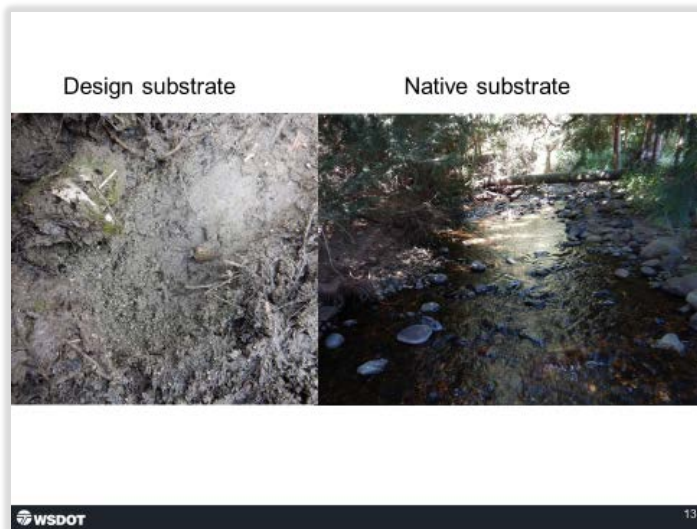
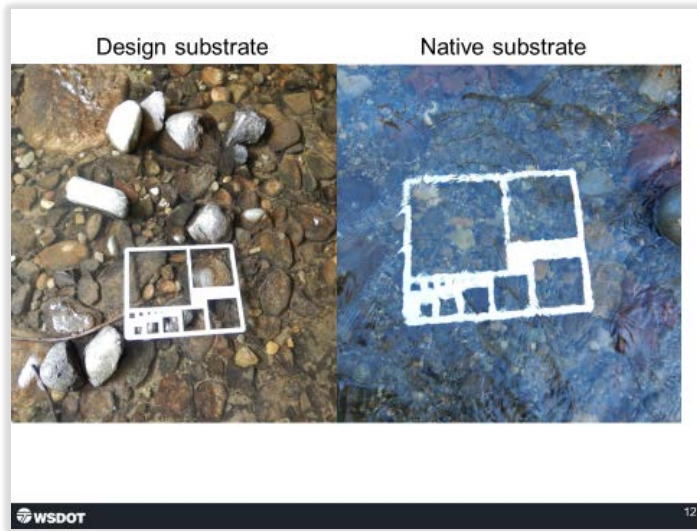


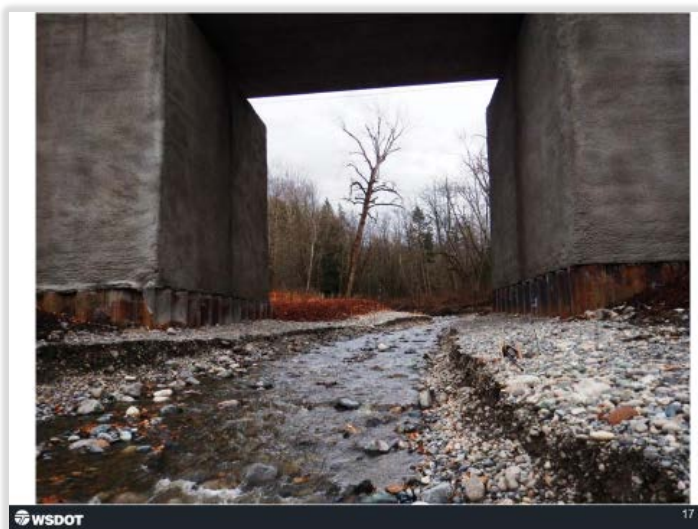
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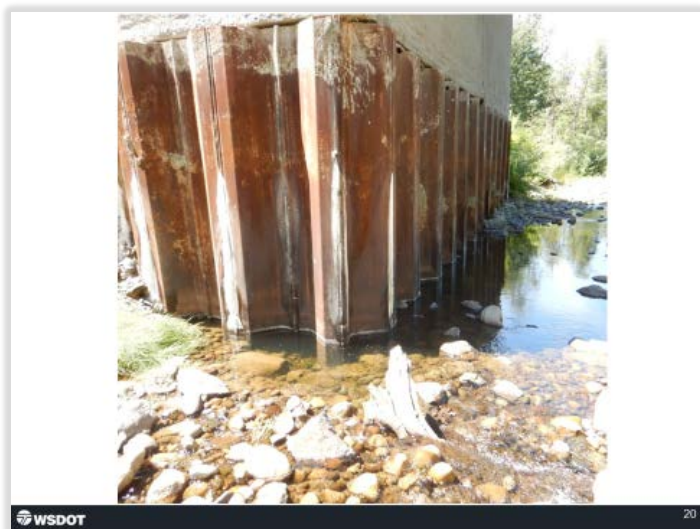
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Channel Performance – all Intervals

- ☐ Streambed material
- ☐ Channel flow
- ☐ Channel shape
 - ☐ (cross section)
- ☐ Streambed slope
 - ☐ (profile)
- ☐ Channel spanning hydraulic drops
- ☐ Function of hydraulic and habitat features
- ☐ Fish passage
- ☐ Report concerns, maintenance activities, fish presence



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Streambed material



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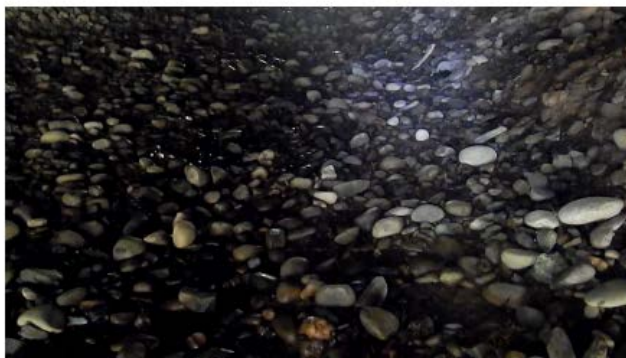


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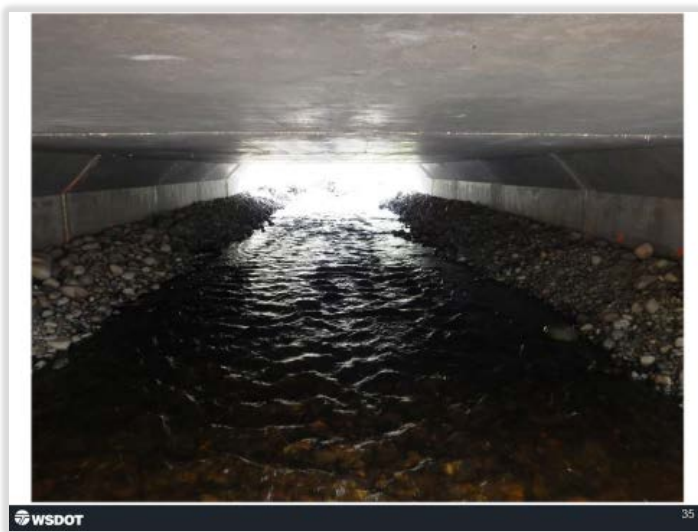
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□ Channel shape



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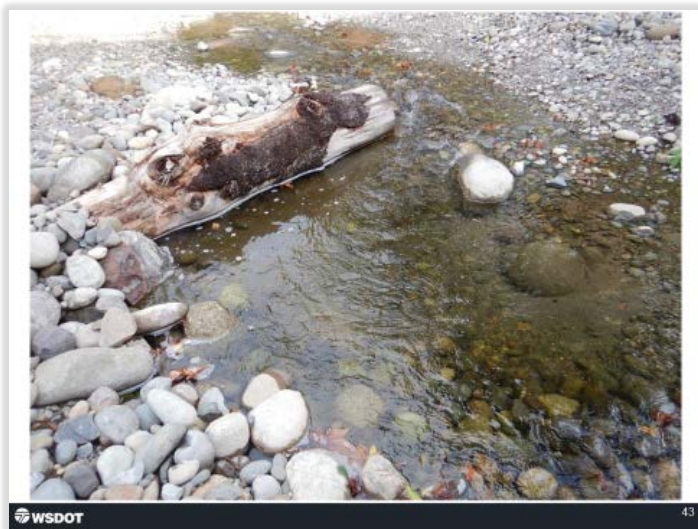
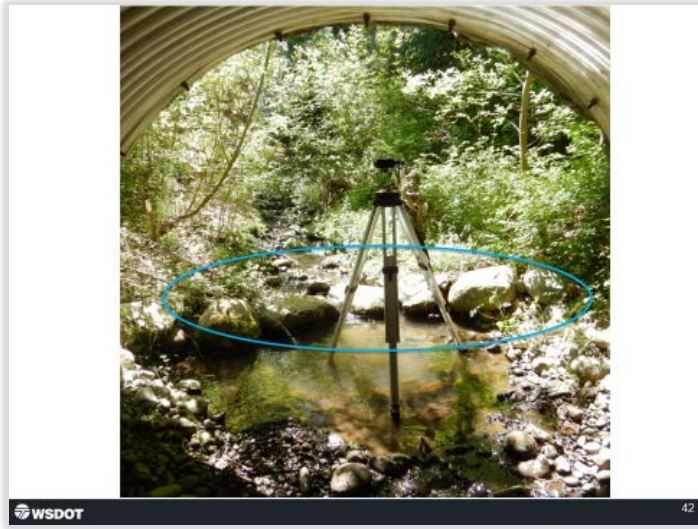


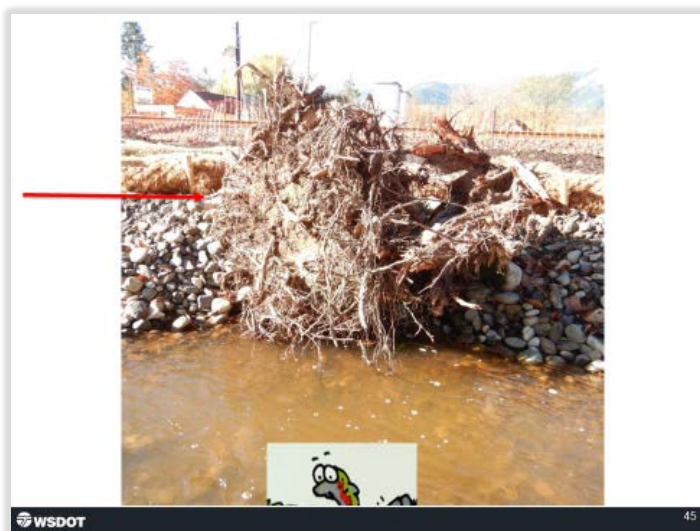
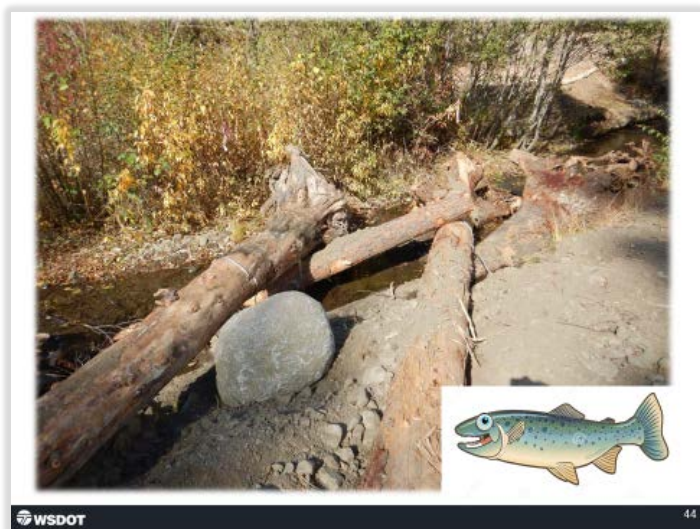
□ Streambed slope

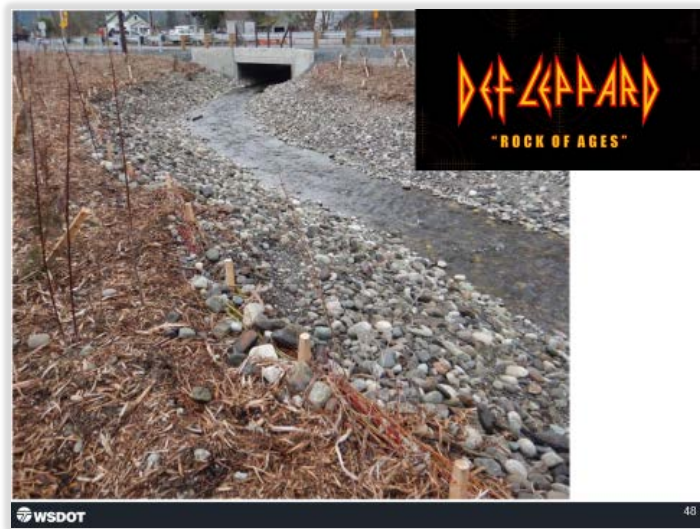
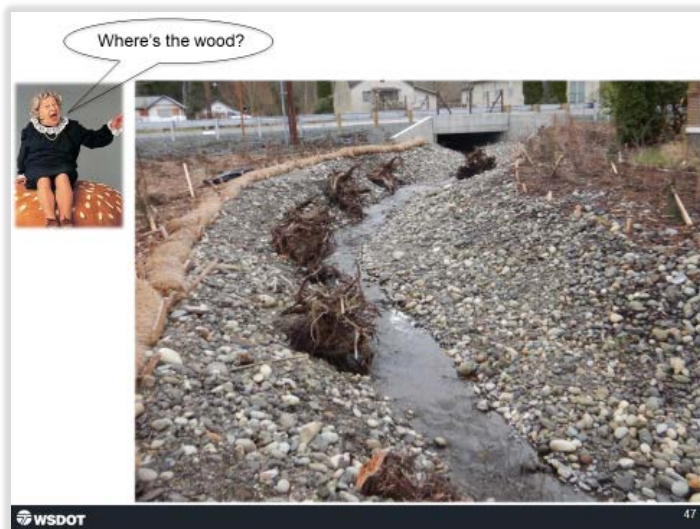


□ Channel spanning hydraulic drops









Not included in Monitoring Plan

- Limited access fencing
- Landscape/plant establishment



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Not included in Monitoring Plan

- Site specific hydraulic analyses
- Wildlife passage



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I-90 North Fork Issaquah Creek

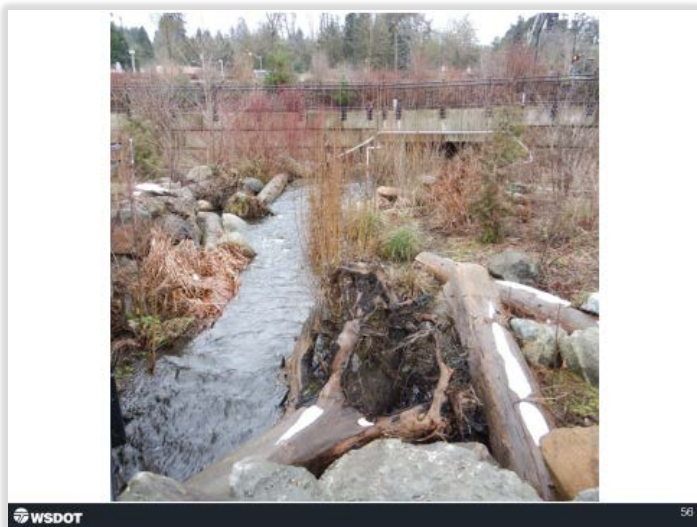
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Culvert

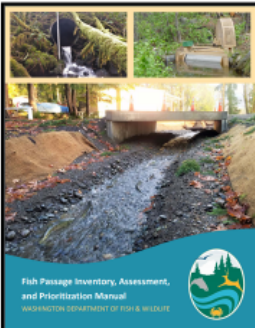


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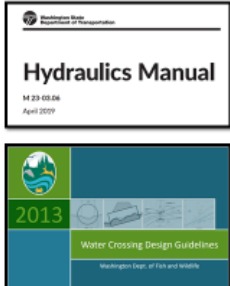


☐ Is the project fish passable



Fish Passage Inventory, Assessment, and Prioritization Manual
WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

☐ Does the project meet the guidance standards under which it was designed



Hydraulics Manual
M 23-03.06
April 2009

2013
Water Crossing Design Guidelines
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Actions Determined by Monitoring

- ☐ No Action Needed
- ☐ Increased Monitoring
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Modify
- ☐ Replace



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Results Feedback Loop



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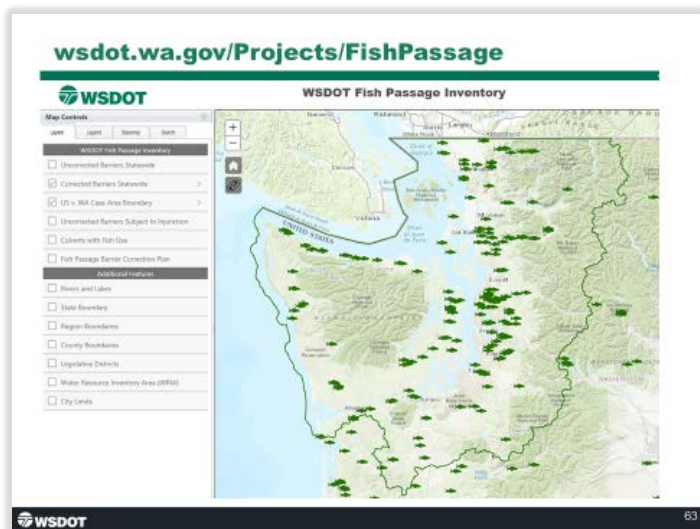
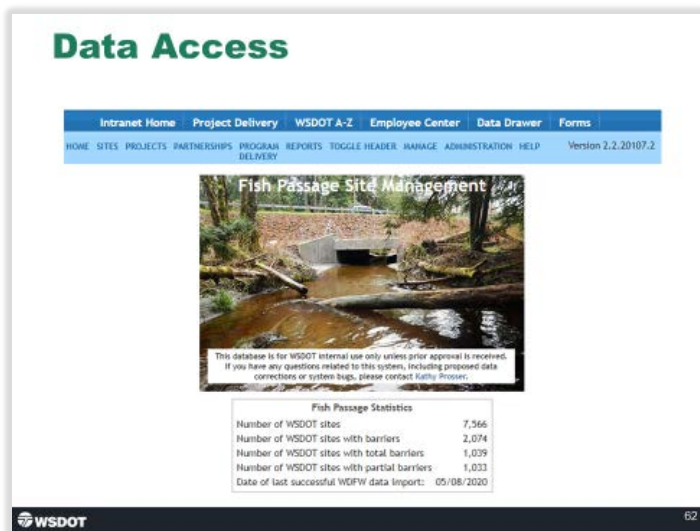
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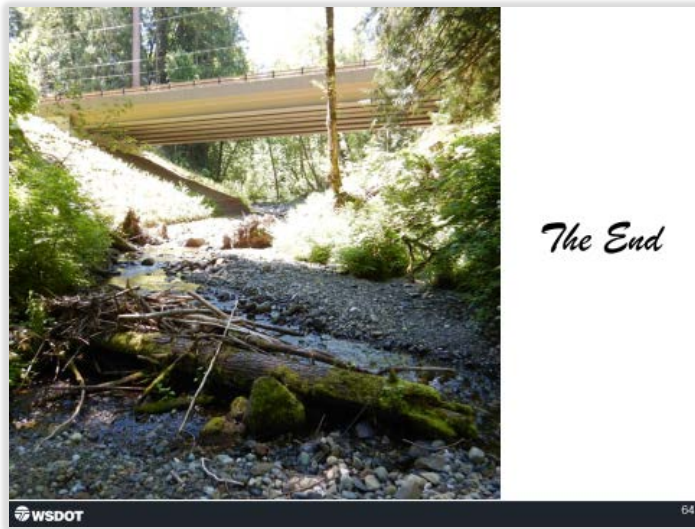
Install bed
in 12" Lifts



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