



## News Release

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### **Joe Rich Stream Restoration Project Begins**

The Joe Rich Stream Restoration project has begun on a 1.7 km long section of Joe Rich Creek, located approximately 16 km west of the City of Kelowna on Highway 33. Once completed, the project will restore and enhance the stream through the establishment of a continuous, riparian forest along the entire length of the channel, installation of key rock riffle structures to reduce stream energy and control downcutting, installation of rock groynes to reduce near bank velocities, pull back and revegetation of over-steepened banks, and erection of 4.5 km of livestock exclusion fencing to allow natural recovery of the riparian zone. The project will result in improved water quality, channel stability, stream shading and long-term improvements to fish habitat.

The Joe Rich Creek watershed has been affected by development activities on crown and private land, including those associated with Highway 33. Joe Rich Creek has also traditionally suffered from extensive bank erosion, clearing of riparian vegetation, and livestock access affecting water quality (in the main channel) as well as downstream Mission Creek.

Funding for the project has been provided by the BC Cattleman's Association FRISP (Farmland Riparian Interface Stewardship Program), the Environmental Farm Program, the Okanagan Basin Water Board, Regional District of Central Okanagan, the City of Kelowna Environment Division, Ducks Unlimited, the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture as well as the local landowners.

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