

# State of Idaho Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Action Agencies

Under the memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho will receive \$65 million in funding from the BPA over the next 10 years for 12 new or expanded projects to benefit the state's salmon and steelhead. This is in addition to ongoing projects already funded by BPA under the Northwest Planning and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, and in addition to funding for hatcheries provided by other entities. The largest of these new and expanded projects are:

- A major conservation hatchery to expand the existing sockeye safety-net program and increase sockeye salmon releases into the **Salmon River** drainage by 500,000 to 1 million fish a year. (\$20.46 million)
- Habitat restoration, barrier removal, and riparian land or easement acquisition throughout the upper and lower **Lemhi River** to open 150 miles of year-round salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing habitat and 190 miles of seasonal tributary habitat currently unavailable. (\$21.2 million)
- Permanent protection and restoration of Chinook and steelhead habitat in the lower **Pahsimeroi River** watershed to increase streamflows and water quality, remove



Habitat restoration in the Pahsimeroi will open tributaries to fish passage. In this photo, water starts to run into Muddy Springs for the first time in over 50 years.

barriers to fish passage, reduce stream sediment and improve riparian habitat. (\$7.5 million)

- Funding for the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) for water transactions to improve streamflows in the **Lemhi and Pahsimeroi basins** to aid steelhead and Chinook survival. This program will reconnect tributaries in the Lemhi and Pahsimeroi and increase flow in the mainstem reaches. This will improve fish passage conditions and increase the quantity and quality of habitat. (\$7.6 million)

All projects will be consistent with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Idaho can continue to seek funding for other ongoing and new projects in addition to those funded under the MOA.