# These are *Our Waters*. These are Our Ways of Life.

### No act you take for our River is small.

You can make a lasting difference for Our Waters, and our great Bitterroot River, by supporting the Bitterroot Water Partnership this National Rivers Month.



# Habitat Restoration You're Advancing

Our River's health depends on the sum of its many parts. The projects you support restore degraded upstream habitats to ensure stability of the *whole system* with enduring habitat and cool, clean water.

# You've done so much already ....





#### North Burnt Fork

Stream Restoration & Grazing Management

Five years ago you restored this barren stream section. *Look at the healthy habitat today!* Your investment in these projects makes lasting improvements for our waters and wildlife.

1 guided cattle crossing | 400+ feet restored streamside | Protective fencing

## Here's what's next...

#### Featured Project: Headwaters Restoration

Tolan Creek was the coldest tributary feeding the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. After devastating 2021 fires, destructive 'mudslides' suffocated the fragile habitat and locked the area to a new stable and *totally degraded* state. Now, *tons* of sediment debris and warm waters pour into our River.

We will restore floodplain connectivity, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and increase groundwater recharge by returning naturally *slower* stream flows. This is prime habitat for bald eagles, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, elk, moose, and more.

#### 150 acre stream treatment area | Natural stream engineering and plantings | 9.5 miles road rehabitat | Remove 6+ plugged culverts

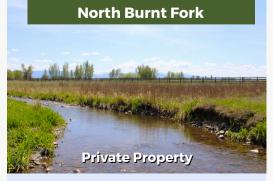






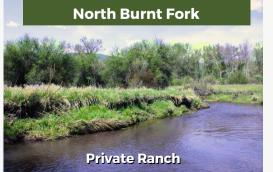
Protective Stream Fencing & Restoration

1/2 mile fenced stream | Enhanced grazing management outcomes



Stream Restoration

Improved irrigation | 500 ft restored streamside



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1 guided cattle crossing | 1,200 feet fenced streamside | 600 ft restored stream