



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WALLA WALLA DISTRICT**  
**201 NORTH 3RD AVENUE**  
**WALLA WALLA, WA 99362-1876**

April 14, 2025

Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (USACE), invites your input for the scoping of the Umatilla Mill Creek Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. This feasibility study is being conducted by the USACE in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, the non-Federal sponsor.

The purpose of the study is to improve fish passage and water quality conditions in Mill Creek in Walla Walla, Washington. The study will evaluate physical and thermal fish passage barriers that impact Endangered Species Act listed mid-Columbia River steelhead and bull trout, as well as reintroduced Chinook salmon. This effort builds on ongoing and planned fish passage improvements within the Mill Creek Flood Control Project and aims to enhance connectivity to approximately 26 miles of upstream spawning and rearing habitat.

The USACE is seeking input to identify concerns, opportunities, and potential alternatives to meet study objectives. Comments will be accepted from April 14 through April 28, 2025. Comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

File comments directly online at:  
<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/EnvironmentalComplianceComment/>. Email comments to [NEPANWW@usace.army.mil](mailto:NEPANWW@usace.army.mil), inserting "Umatilla Mill Creek Section 206" in the subject line. Mail comments to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, ATTN: Umatilla Mill Creek 206, 201 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876.

Additional information is available at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Compliance/>, including background information, maps, participating entities, other projects in the area, potential opportunities, and preliminary objectives and constraints.

Sincerely,

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