

Pebble Creek Restoration-How Working Together Makes a Difference!

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The Pebble Creek Restoration Project began nearly 10 years ago. Pebble Creek has been recognized as a spawning stronghold for Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout for a long time, as identified by Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The landowner at the project site was always very reluctant to allow government agencies to enter onto his property, but something changed in 2011, when the landowner willingly invited several different agencies and special interest groups to his home to have an open dialogue on what to do with two reaches of Pebble Creek (braided channels) flowing through his property.

The landowner expressed a desire to stop the stream channels from eroding laterally into his fields and opened up the discussion to everyone in the room, as to what to do. That started an amazing chain of events. The agencies came prepared with photos from 1941 and 1963 which showed meandering channels in 1941 and straightened channels in 1963. These photos became the basis of all future talks with the landowner as well as a design reference. This presentation discusses the Pebble Creek Restoration Project and how working together really does make a difference.