

Hangman (Latah) Creek 2514 Planning Unit

Mission & Goals

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Introduction

The Planning Unit consists of a wide variety of stakeholders and interests. The following goals and objectives were derived from formal discussions during official Planning Unit Meetings. They reflect what the Planning Unit members believe should be a final result of the watershed planning process for Hangman Creek.

Goals

1. Investigate to Determine Water Balance Needs

- Objective 1:** Determine and summarize the current water balance during various flow periods; compare that information to existing water rights, actual surface and groundwater use, and pending applications for changes, transfers and new water use permits
- Objective 2:** Develop a greater understanding of ground water connections of associated aquifers and surface water
- Objective 3:** Identify and quantify interaction and contributions of ground water and surface water to surface flows

2. Establish Public Information Vehicle for Watershed Planning

- Objective 1:** Develop multiple sources of information for residents
- Objective 2:** Encourage citizen participation in the watershed planning process
- Objective 3:** Inform and educate public on water resources issues

3. Improve Overall Water Quality

- Objective 1:** Strive to meet and maintain Washington State Class A and EPA water quality criteria for all parameters and beneficial uses
- Objective 2:** Reduce nutrient and waste loading from point and non-point sources
- Objective 3:** Summarize data and cooperate with Ecology, the State of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Spokane Tribe in developing TMDLs for pollutants exceeding Class A criteria

4. Reduce Suspended Sediment Loading

Objective 1: Encourage the maintenance and enhancement of the function and value of flood plains

Objective 2: Assess and encourage landowners to reduce erosion

Objective 3: Assess current conditions and encourage the improvement of riparian areas and wetlands

Objective 4: Evaluate stormwater management practices and recommend improvements.

5. Maintain and Enhance Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Objective 1: Promote and encourage the planting of native vegetation along streambanks

Objective 2: Assess instream flow needs

6. Maintain Recreational Use of Watershed

Objective 1: Determine instream flow needs

Objective 2: Educate and inform residents of responsible uses and opportunities

Mission Statement

To evaluate and recommend guidelines for preserving, managing, and enhancing the water resources of The Hangman (Latah) Creek Watershed