Kittitas County Regional SMP Update
Shoreline Protection and Restoration
July 18th and 19th, 2012 Open Houses

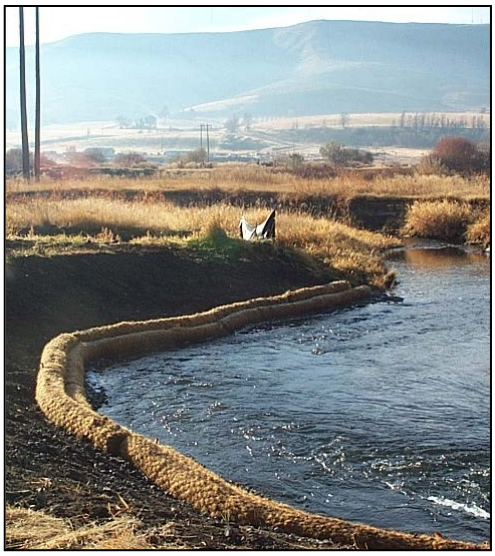
During the SMP update process, Kittitas County, Ellensburg, Cle Elum and South Cle Elum are required to prepare a restoration plan that identifies opportunities to improve the health of county shorelines. Restoration in this context means the reestablishment or improvement of impaired ecological processes and functions. Restoration is typically accomplished through voluntary measures such as planting riparian vegetation, removing structures that harm aquatic habitats or species, installing large wood in rivers and other actions. Restoration does not mean returning all shorelines to pristine or pre-European settlement conditions.

The Restoration Map shows some areas that appear to have restoration potential but which require further analysis. You can help in developing the restoration plan by providing additional information on the following questions:

- Are there degraded areas with potential for restoration? If so, where are they?
- What do you see as the most important needs for shoreline restoration?
- Do you know of any existing or ongoing programs that contribute to restoration needs you have identified?
- What would do you think might be done to restore our shorelines?
- What mechanisms or strategies are needed to ensure restoration plans are implemented?

If you have information on these topics that can help inform our update process, please direct your feedback to project staff at the meeting, provide your information on the Community Visioning questionnaire, or email comments to SMPupdate@co.kittitas.wa.gov.

Restoration Work along the Teanaway River



Stream Bank Stabilization, Union Gap

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