



Monthly Project Progress Report Twisp River Well Conversion November 2013

Work Accomplished through November 2013

Landowner Coordination: Coordination with landowner for fire up of system and on status.

Construction Management: On November 5th, with the irrigation specialist, well driller, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) representative, and Trout Unlimited's Washington Water Project (TU-WWP) staff on site, the Twisp River Well Conversion Project was fired up for a second time. The system successfully produced sufficient GPM's at 175+ which is enough to run the K-Line irrigation system. Upon initial fire up, the static water level dropped, however after it was cleaned out rose and held steady at 36' (the well is 80' with the pumps at 70'). After running the system, it was then blown out with an air compressor and winterized.

The landowner is very thankful for the continued dedication of the funders (Tributary Committee and NRCS) in standing by the project and working with TU-WWP to enable a fix. After successful fire up of the system, the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation, who was implementing a different side channel project on the property, used their excavator that was on site (at the landowner's permission) to fill in the old surface diversion/ditch. There was no irrigation that occurred during the 2013 season. During the 2014 irrigation season the landowner will be using his new well and system.

Work Planned

There is no continued work as the construction of this project is now successfully complete.

Challenges Encountered through November 2013

Construction Management: The only challenge encountered was watching the weather daily hoping that we did not have too much snow or too low of temperatures. Thankfully there was a late construction window and we were able to fire up the system.