

2017 BURP Site Selection

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This summary was prepared for the Watershed Advisory Group to solicit input on locations for bioassessment sampling in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin in 2017.

DEQ Beneficial Use Reconnaissance Program (BURP)

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) implements the Beneficial Use Reconnaissance Program, nicknamed BURP, which combined biological monitoring and habitat assessment to determine the quality of Idaho's waters. The purpose of BURP is to help Idaho meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act by providing data to use in determining the existing uses and beneficial use support status of Idaho's water bodies. The program has been implemented statewide since 1994.

A seasonal crew of technicians from DEQ's regional office will travel to wadeable stream sites throughout the Panhandle. Focus watersheds are selected each year based on regional DEQ priorities. This year, the priority areas are in the Kootenai and Priest watersheds. However, there are still opportunities to collect data on North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin streams. Along with the regional crew, a statewide crew will visit randomly selected sites across the state, and these sites may potentially be located in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin.

Recent BURP Sites (2012-2016)

The recent emphasis in this subbasin has been sampling streams that are candidates for possible sediment delisting and streams that are currently unassessed. Between 2012 and 2016, crews visited 42 stream sites in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin. Of those, 16 could not be sampled for a range of reasons - primarily, not enough flow. Another 26 sites *were* sampled and data made available for assessments. Please see attached map.

Proposed 2017 BURP Sites

For 2017, we propose to sample the stream assessment units that remain unassessed:

Assessment Unit Name	Assessment Unit Number	Miles
North Fork Coeur d'Alene tribs btw Jordan and Tepee	ID17010301PN013_02a	7.46
Independence Creek btw Ellis and Declaration	ID17010301PN018_03	0.78

Your Ideas??

Please share your ideas at a Watershed Advisory Group meeting, or share your input by email Kajsa.Vanderiet@deq.idaho.gov or phone (208) 666-4633.