

# Lincoln Management Unit

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**Tributaries:**

**Anadromous Fish Stocks:**

Coho  
cutthroat

### Tier 1 Concerns

#### Sediment, Riparian, Fish Passage

- After culverts are prioritized then implement highest priority culverts
- Identify extent roads are contributing sediment
- Identify solutions to reduce erosion at identified locations in the middle and upper reaches
- Prioritize fish barrier corrections identified by Lewis County Roads Department and Lewis Conservation District
- Protect and preserve riparian habitat in Independence Creek subbasin
- Restore riparian corridor along Independence Creek
- Work with landowners in lower reaches to reduce livestock access to Independence Creek

### Tier 2 Concerns

#### Large Woody Debris, Water Quality

- Develop a LWD supplementation plan and install LWD where appropriate; this will retain bedload and elevate streambed level to allow better connection to floodplain
- Restore riparian corridor
- Work with landowners to exclude livestock from Independence Creek and its tributaries

### Tier 3 Concerns

#### Floodplain, Water Quantity

- Determine if water withdrawals are being followed in accordance with current water rights
- Develop a LWD supplementation plan and install LWD where appropriate
- Implement Forest Practice Rules in forested headwaters to eliminate ditchwater connection to live streams
- Protect and preserve wetlands and springs in Independence Creek subbasin

