

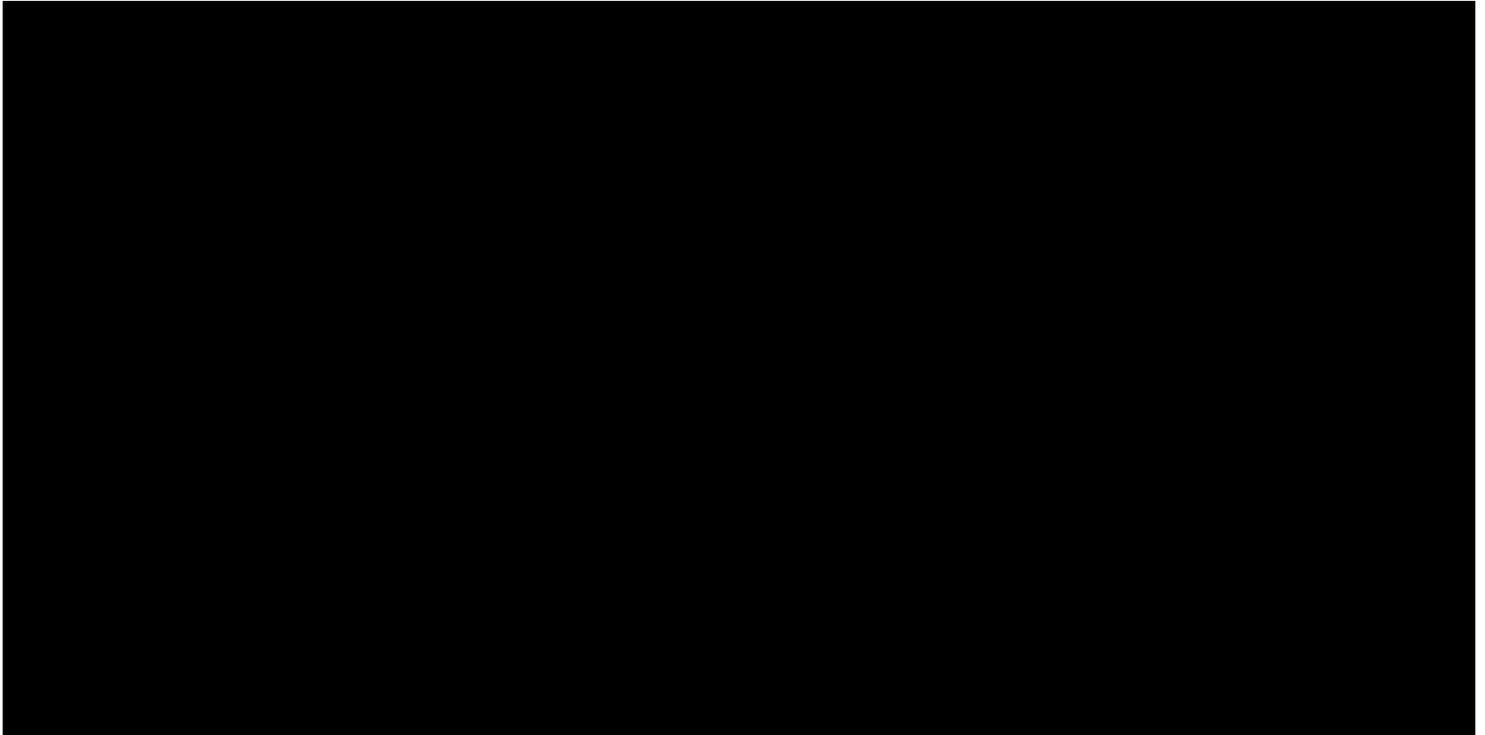


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Taking a closer look at Finn Rock Reach with the McKenzie River Trust

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BLUE RIVER, Ore. - The water flows cold and clear on this late May day through the [Finn Rock \(http://kval.com/search?find=%22Finn+Rock%22\)](http://kval.com/search?find=%22Finn+Rock%22) Reach.

"It's what we drink; it's what we wash with," says Joe Moll. "It is the heart of our lives."

The [McKenzie River \(http://kval.com/search?find=%22McKenzie+River%22\)](http://kval.com/search?find=%22McKenzie+River%22) is the sole source of water for over 200,000 people in the Eugene area (https://or.water.usgs.gov/proj/EWEB/description.html).

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Making sure the river's rapids continue to be clean is the overriding goal of the [McKenzie River Trust \(http://kval.com/search?find=%22McKenzie+River+Trust%22\)](http://kval.com/search?find=%22McKenzie+River+Trust%22). The group purchased the property last year.

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"Downstream there that will be thick with Chinook salmon," says Moll, the group's executive director.

The group will help facilitate that by improving fish habitat along the Reach.

"You can see some old culverts there that are getting in the way of the river being a river, allow it to meander more," Moll says.

That plan includes better habitat for the main river as well as for a big side channel, where more spring chinook salmon will be able to spawn.

Not far away down what used to be called Huckleberry Lane in the old Rosboro logging camp days, a crew from Northwest Youth Corps (<http://kval.com/search?find=%22Northwest+Youth+Corps%22>) is hard at work.

"We're laying some trail that has been flagged, and so we're taking out the brush and making a clear corridor for those who like to recreate out here," says Jessica Converse, the crew supervisor.

A key partner in the trust's campaign to protect the river: The Eugene Water & Electric Board (<http://kval.com/search?find=%22Eugene+Water+%26+Electric+Board%22>). EWEB draws on the McKenzie to provide water to customers in Eugene.

"As part of the campaign we also have a one-to-one challenge grant where EWEB will match every dollar contributed" up to \$500,000, Moll says. The trust has raised \$4 million of its \$6 million goal for the effort. (<http://www.mckenzie.org/homewaters/>)

The trust is also working with the McKenzie River Guides for better access for users of the Finn Rock boat landing.

Moll says these goals will take 5 to 10 years to accomplish.

"We have such a resource here," he says, "and the clean water that the McKenzie River provides today and will provide 100 years from now and 1,000 years from now, if we do our job right."

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