## Supporting Both Ranchers & Native Bull Trout

Deming Creek is a small creek in Klamath County and is home to native Bull Trout and Redband Rainbow Trout. Five livestock watering wells were installed in nearby pastures and rangeland to keep cattle out of the creek.



**Organizations involved with this project include:** Trout Unlimited, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Private Landowner

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## **KEY PROJECT STATS**

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5 stockwater wells installed

3.5

3.5 miles of Deming Creek protected from cattle access

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Deming Creek is a small tributary to the South Fork Sprague in the Upper Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon. The creek holds one of the few remaining bull trout populations in the basin and has been a focus of restoration actions over the years, including instream flow restoration, riparian fencing, and instream habitat enhancement. With irrigation water shut off more often than not over the last 5 years, drinking water for cattle has become scarce. As a result, many creeks that were previously protected from cattle impacts have been opened up to allow for stock watering. This project installed five stockwater wells to provide drinking water for cattle away from the creek, which will allow for continued riparian protection.

## **KEY PROJECT BENEFIT**

This project provides off-stream stockwater to keep cattle out of 3.5 miles of Deming Creek, home to bull trout and redband rainbow trout.



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