



# Restoration Partnership

## Coeur d'Alene Basin Draft Restoration Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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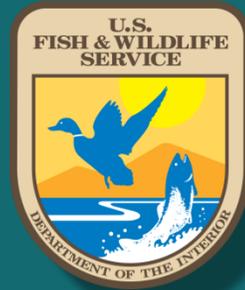
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### Representative Agencies



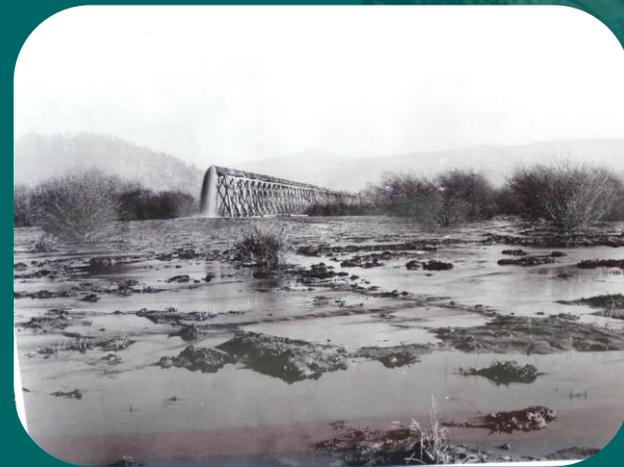
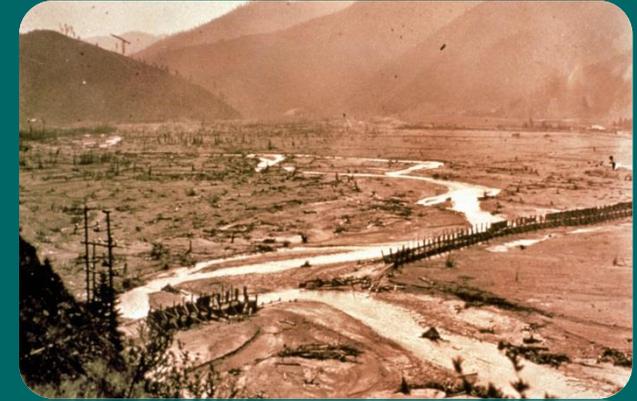
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# Background

- Historic releases of mine wastes
- Widespread metals contamination
- Injuries to natural resources and loss of associated services they provide
- Lawsuits and settlements



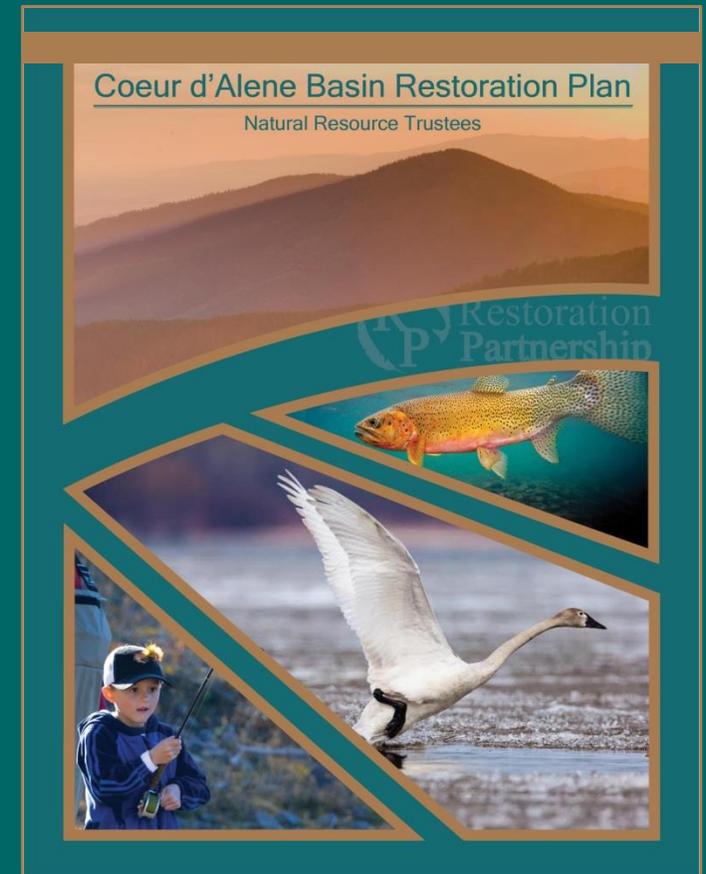
# Background

- Restoration plan required
- 2007 Interim Plan
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
- Public Scoping 2013
- Development of draft restoration plan & environmental impact statement
- Public comment



# Draft Restoration Plan

- Programmatic
- Focus on wetlands, streams, and lakes habitats
- Includes human uses
- Identifies the goal, major actions, strategies & techniques for each section
- Identifies geographic priorities



# Approach and Values

- Link to Injured Resources
- Coeur d'Alene Basin Focus
- Priority in Contaminated Areas
- Emphasis on Ecosystem Processes
- Habitat Focus and Focal Resources
- Best Available Science
- Cultural Focus
- Engagement with Stakeholders
- Economic Resilience

# Approach and Values

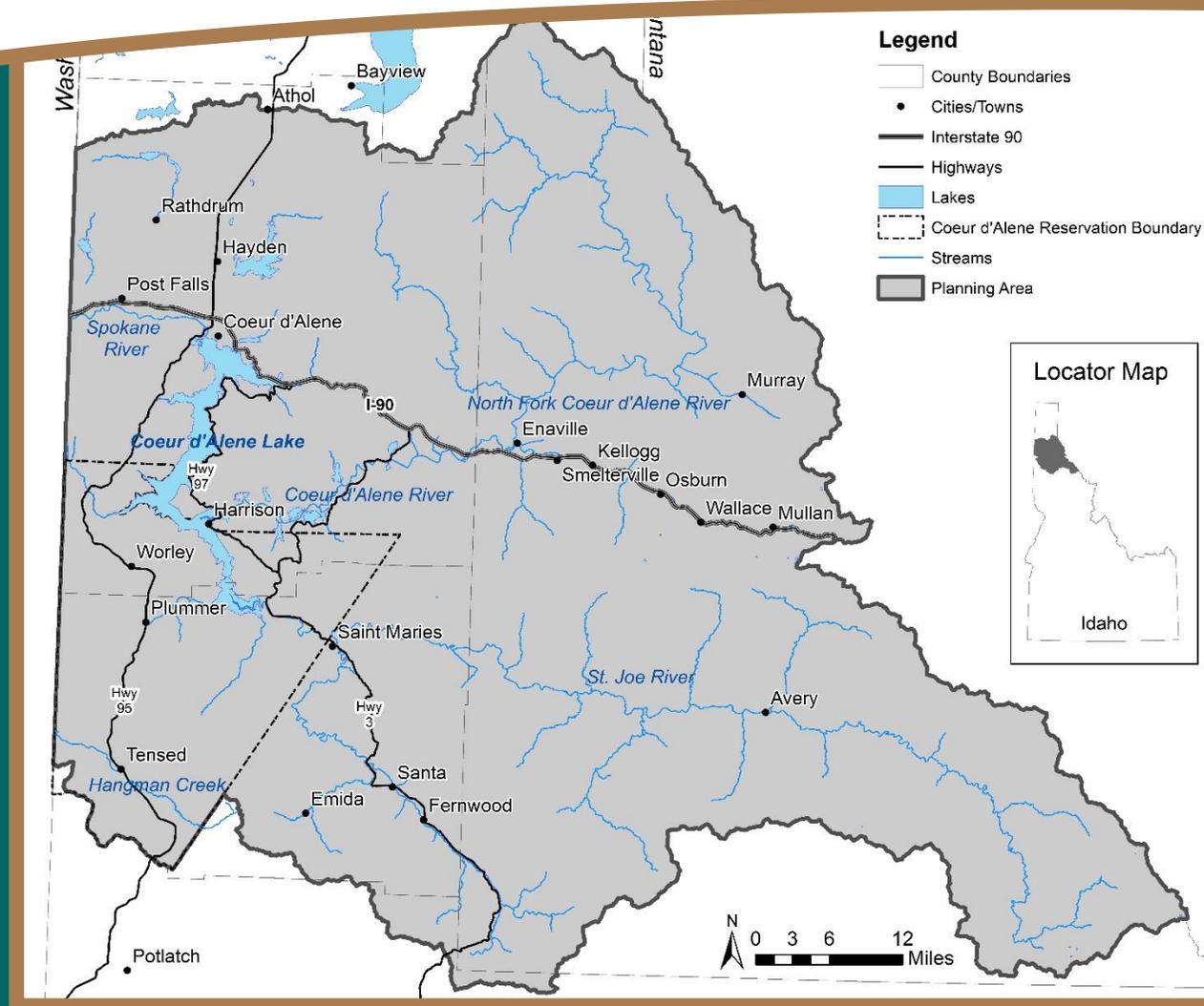
- Integration
- Cost Effectiveness
- Timing and rate of restoration
- Monitoring and Adaptive Restoration
- Hierarchy of Preferred Restoration Approaches
- Types of Restoration Not Desired

# Draft Plan & Environmental Impact Statement

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
  - Compares the effects of doing nothing to active restoration
  - Compares the effects of two alternative approaches to restoration



# Planning Area



# Alternatives

Preferred Alternative (#2) =  
Draft Restoration Plan in  
**Appendix 5** of DEIS

## Alternative 1

No Action

## Alternative 2

Ecosystem Focus +  
Additional Human  
Use Considerations  
*(Preferred)*

## Alternative 3

Ecosystem  
Restoration Focus

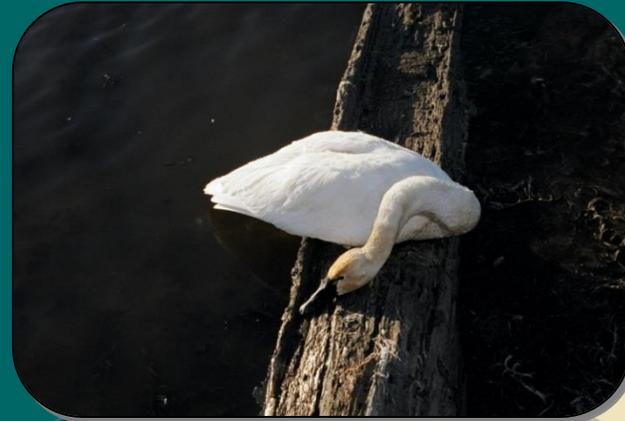
# Programmatic

- Draft plan does not include specific projects or sites
- Framework of approaches and priorities
- Solicitation and selection of projects



# Wetlands

- Geographic priorities guided by needs of waterfowl (bird use and degree of contamination)



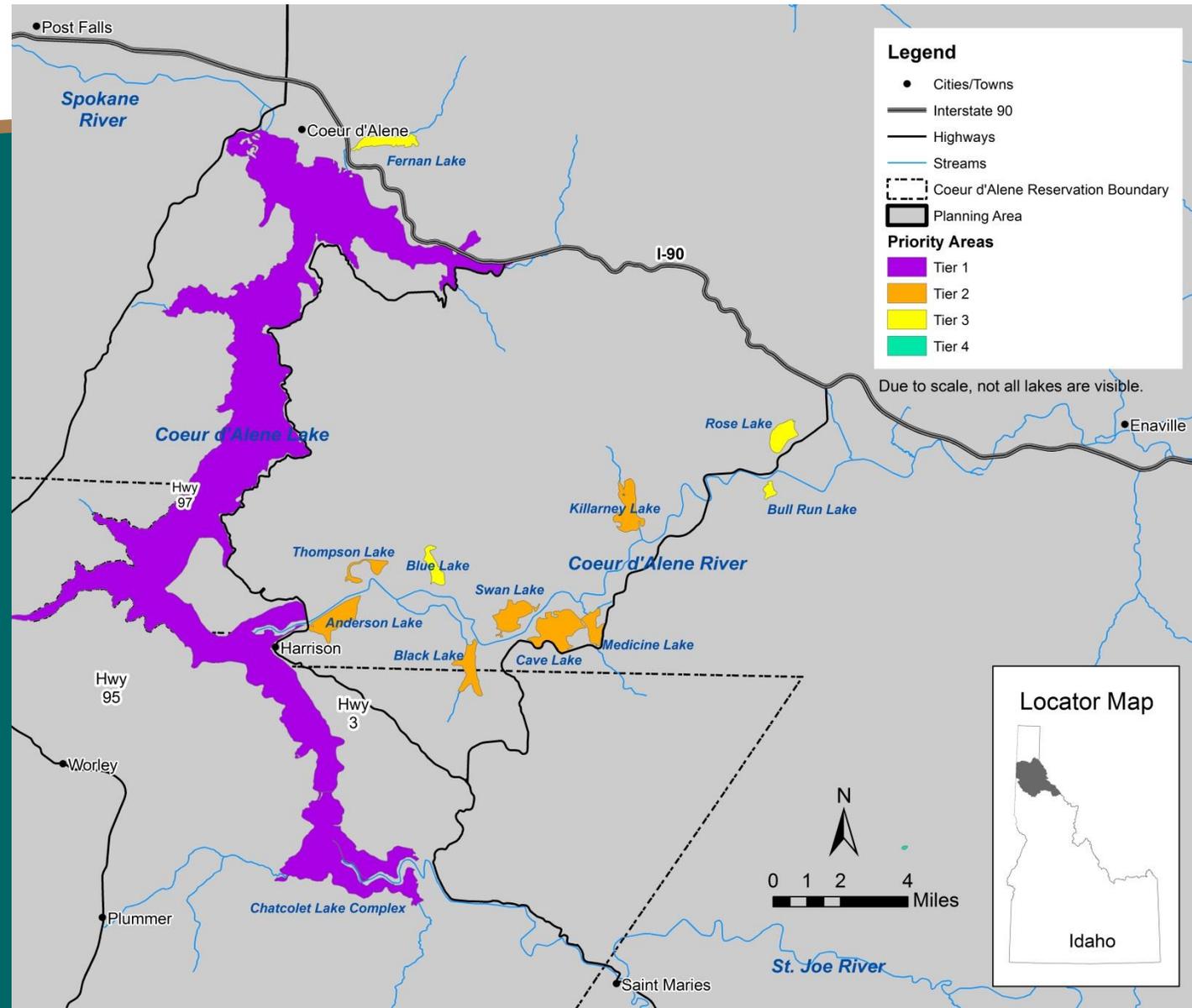
# Streams

- Geographic priorities guided by needs of native trout (westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout)



# Lakes

- Geographic priorities guided by needs of waterfowl and native trout
- Coeur d'Alene Lake complex top priority



# Human Uses

- Geographic priorities guided by public input
- Limited funding amount
- Must be related to injured natural resources



# Public Comment

- Draft Plan and DEIS available at [www.restorationpartnership.org](http://www.restorationpartnership.org)
- Hard copies available at offices
- Seeking substantive comments
- By mail, email, or online form
- Comments due by **February 13, 2017**



# Next Steps

- Respond to public comments
- Finalize plan and EIS
- Issue and adopt a Record of Decision (ROD)
- Begin restoration
- Timing depends on comments





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