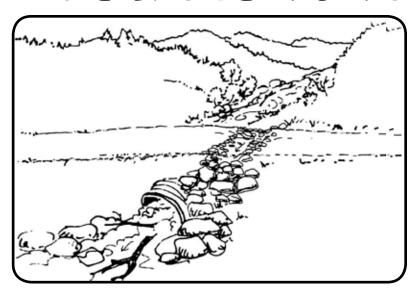
PROPERLY SIZE AND INSTALL CULVERTS

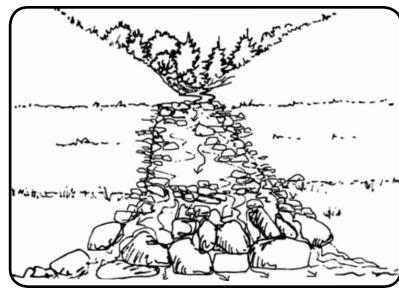


Size for the "Big one" (100 yr. event)!

A pipe must pass water, wood and sediment.

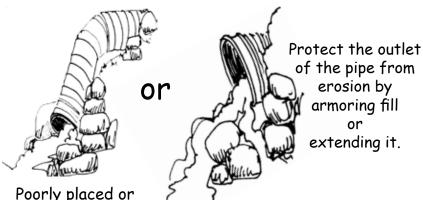
Install pipe at the bottom of and at the same slope as the natural stream channel.

Keep inlet and channel above pipe cleared.



Consider using low-water, armored crossings and rolling dips instead of culverts, when appropriate.

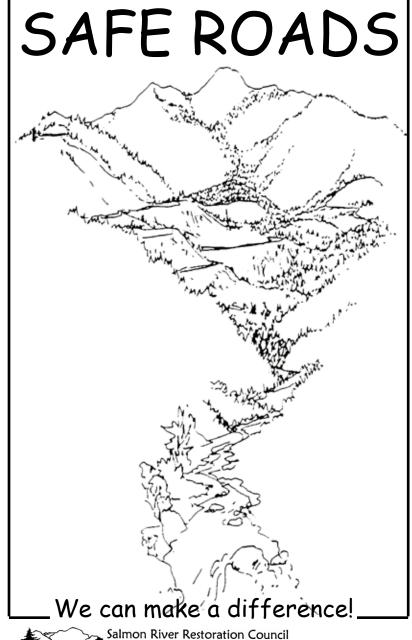
If your culverts have a drop or are above the stream channel, they could be barriers to fish passage. Consider redesigning problem culverts or replace them completely with a bridge structure. Well-designed culverts and bridge structures are also less likely to blow out during floods.



maintained forest roads can be a major source of sediment. Mud from runoff or washouts can destroy spawning beds and kill older fish as well. Make sure your road drainage systems are working properly. If you don't really need that road anymore, consider putting it "to bed."

Stay on Top of it!
Get to know your road.
Walk it in a storm event
with your shovel.
Nip problems in the bud.

Safe for aquatic life="Hydrologically Invisible"= Storm-proofed + Safe for humans

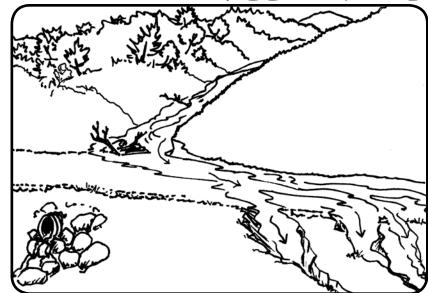


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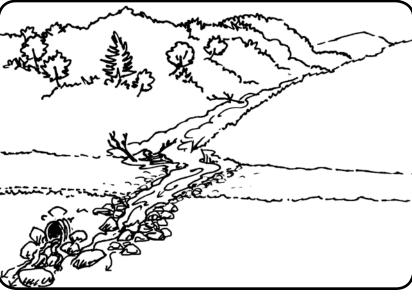
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WATER FLOWING IN ITS NATURAL COURSE



If the culvert plugs at a stream crossing without a critical dip, water diverts down the road.



Prevent diversion potential at all crossings with a critical dip.

Plugged inboard ditch creates problems.



Outsloped road provides natural drainage. Avoid operating heavy equipment in streams. Bulldozers or heavy trucks can ruin spawning beds, create sediment problems, and cause long-term damage to a stream.

Outslope road whenever possible

BREAK UP COLLECTION POTENTIAL



Provide frequent ditch relief with x-drains or rolling dips. Place outlets in natural drainages if possible. Road building or other construction near a stream, river or estuary can create serious fish habitat damage if the work is not done properly.