

Redband Trout

IN THE DESCHUTES RIVER



FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, management of the Upper Deschutes River has significantly altered habitat and streamflow conditions. As early as the 1940s, local biologists predicted that these changes would have negative effects on redband trout populations but, until very recently, data on the status and health of this native trout has not been available for the Deschutes. New information on redband trout along 100 miles of the Deschutes River between Wickiup Reservoir and Big Falls provides important insight into how several distinct populations have fared under the modified flow regime and other changes including the introduction of non-native brown trout and stocking of hatchery fish. The following summary highlights some of the key findings from the USFWS report, *Evaluation of genetic population structure and effective population size among populations of redband trout in the Deschutes River, OR* (Bohling et al. 2017). **The full report is available at www.RestoreTheDeschutes.org.**

