



**Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council**  
**General Restoration, Habitat Enhancement, Habitat Protection, and Facilities Projects**  
**Quarterly Project Reporting Form**

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*\*Detailed instructions for each section below are given in Section II. Quarterly Project Reports in the Reporting Policy on the website, <https://evostc.state.ak.us/policies-procedures/reporting-procedures/>*

**Project Number: 18180120**

**Project Title: Copper River Watershed Enhancement**

**Principal Investigator(s):**

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**Reporting Periods and Due Dates:**

| <i>Reporting Period</i>     | <i>Due Date</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| February, March, April      | June 1          |
| May, June, July             | September 1     |
| August, September, October  | December 1      |
| November, December, January | March 1         |

**Submission Date:** Feb. 21

**Project Website:**

Internal for project partners: <https://copperriver.org/copper-river-evos-project-page/> Password: culvert

Informational website: <https://copperriver.org/programs/fish-habitat-restoration/restoration/copper-river-watershed-enhancement/>

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

☒ **Project progress is on schedule.**

☐ **Project progress is delayed**

☐ **Budget reallocation request.**



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☐ **Personnel changes.**

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**1. Summary of Work Performed:**

During this period, the following activities occurred:

Cop 33 & 1:

- Trout Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service awarded BIL funding to help cover construction costs for Cop 33 and 1.
- CRWP issued an RFP for production of the culverts. Two bids were received by the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, and the contract was awarded to Contech.
- CRWP issued an invitation to bid for construction of Cop 1 and Cop 33 on January 27. A pre-bid meeting was held Thurs. Feb. 9, and final bids are due Feb. 27. The invitation to bid has been posted to the Plans Room, and is also available on our [public-facing website](#).

Remaining crossings (Cop 9, Sher 1, Cab 2/1):

- 65% designs for Cab 1 & 2 were discussed on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. During this partner meeting we also discussed the proposed re-route of Sher 1 under the Copper River Highway and away from Goat Camp Road. CRWP continues to follow-up with ADOT to confirm permission.
- CRWP and The Eyak Corporation submitted funding requests to NOAA for construction at Cop 9, Sher 1, and Cab 2/1. Both funding proposals were awarded and agreement negotiations are in process, securing a majority of construction funds for these projects.
- The Eyak Corporation (TEC) signed and submitted a resolution to the Natural Resource Conservation Services. This resolution will help TEC establish land records with NRCS and make Cop 1 and Cop 33 eligible for funding through a Regional Conservation Partnership Program awarded to CRWP and their partners for improving fish passage in the watershed.

Sher 2:

- U.S. Forest Service and CRWP met on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm implementation plan and communication on Sher 2 construction in spring 2023.

Restoration monitoring:

- USFS summary report on restoration efforts [available on partner website](#) (passcode: culvert).

Hydrology updates:

- Maintained seven stream loggers.

Other updates:

- The Copper River EVOS Project Page (for partners) was updated during this quarter. All reports, comments, meeting notes, and hydrology data was shared with project partners through our website. All project materials can be viewed at: <https://copperriver.org/copper-river-evos-project-page/> . Password: culvert
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## 2. Abstract:

We have released an invitation to bid for constructing Cop 1 and 33 and have secured sufficient funding to construct these crossings in 2023. Design work continues for the remaining four crossings (Cop 9, Sher 1, Cab 2/1), with partners exploring re-locating Sher 1. A majority of construction funding was awarded by NOAA for constructing these remaining crossings. Post-restoration monitoring and adaptive management measures continue at the first six sites that were constructed in 2020 (Cop 43, 44, and 45) and 2021 (Cop 20, 22, and 25). CRWP also continues to collect hydrology data on crossings under design, as well as maintain the project website to keep partners up to date and all design materials accessible.

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## 3. Coordination and Collaboration:

All progress on these projects requires extensive coordination with partners, including resource managers and landowners. See Table 1 for a list of active project partners. We invite partners to review project designs and invite them to discussions to work through comments and questions and make sure the project continues to meet objectives of all partners.

Table 1: Copper River EVOS partners and affiliations

|                           |                      |                                 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kevin Keith/ADFG          | Kate Morse/CRWP      | Brennan Cain/Eyak Corporation   |
| Michael Mazzacavallo/ADFG | Kirsti Jurica/CRWP   | Tiffany Beedle/Eyak Corporation |
| Megan Marie/ADFG          | Lisa Docken/CRWP     | Trent Liebich/USFWS             |
| Jeff Stutzke/ADOT         | Ashley Taylor/CRWP   | Heather Hanson/USFWS            |
| Robbie Mattson/ADOT       | Erika Ammann/NOAA    | Anna Senecal/ USFWS             |
| Matt Billings/ADOT        | Steve Namitz/USFS    | Franklin Dekker/USFWS           |
| Dan Adamsczk/ADOT         | Stormy Hought / USFS |                                 |
| Luke Boles/ADOT           | Ron Britton/ USFS    |                                 |
| Artem Ruppert/ADOT        | Kim Clark/ USFS      |                                 |
|                           | Griff Berg/USFS      |                                 |
|                           | Jason Johnston/USFS  |                                 |



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**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

none

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**5. Budget:**

Table 2 is a status update of the crossings proposed for restoration. A separate excel file has been submitted with budget updates from each agency that received funding.



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Table 2: EVOS culvert status

| -         | Stream Name              | ADFG Number | CRWP Culvert ID | EVOSTC Total Request | Current Estimated Total costs | Ownership                | Solution | Status   | Upstream Miles |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--|----------------|
| 2020      | Lower Copper River       | 20100508    | COP 43          | \$ 616,842           | \$ 790,499                    | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   | 2.4            |
|           |                          | 20100510    | COP 44          | \$ 616,847           | \$ 790,504                    | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   |                |
|           |                          | 20100511    | COP 45          | \$ 187,846           | \$ 790,503                    | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   |                |
| 2021      | 18 Mile System           | 20100486    | COP 20          | \$ 714,342           | \$ 708,324                    | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   | 2.32           |
|           |                          | 20100488    | COP 22          | \$ 1,006,842         | \$ 993,248                    | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   | 5.64           |
|           |                          | 20100491    | COP 25          | \$ 714,344           | \$ 1,108,688                  | DOT                      | Replace  | Constructed/Monitoring   | 2.38           |
|           | Sheridan River Tributary | 20101902    | SHER 2          | \$ 58,842            | \$ 187,039                    | USFS/Eyak                | Remove   | contract awarded, implemented spring 2023                                | 0.7            |
|           |                          |             |                 |                      |                               |                          |          |  |                |
| 2023      | Black Hole Creek         | 20100499    | COP 33          | \$ 1,006,845         | \$ 1,666,625                  | DOT                      | Replace  | out to bid, constructed 2023   | 3.2            |
|           | Sheridan River Tributary | 20100467    | COP 1           | \$ 1,006,842         | \$ 1,123,424                  | DOT Airport Leasing      | Replace  | out to bid, constructed 2023   | 1.5            |
| Remaining | Sheridan River Tributary | 20100475    | COP 9           | \$ 616,843           | \$ 1,205,555                  | DOT/Eyak                 | Replace  | surveyed, in design, majority of construction funding received from NOAA | 1.64           |
|           |                          | 20101903    | SHER 1          | \$ 331,842           | \$ 936,425                    | USFS/Eyak                | Replace  | surveyed, in design, majority of construction funding received from NOAA |                |
|           | Elsner River Tributary   | 20101904    | CAB 1           | \$ 56,342            | \$ 196,554                    | DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak | Remove   | completed 65% design, construction funding received from NOAA            | 0.3            |
|           |                          | 20101905    | CAB 2           | \$ 544,344           | \$ 820,554                    | DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak | Replace  | completed 65% design construction funding received from NOAA             |                |
|           |                          |             |                 |                      |                               |                          |          |  |                |
|           | Total Direct Cost        |             |                 | \$ 7,478,963         | \$ 11,317,942                 |                          |          |  | 21.74          |
|           | 9% GA                    |             |                 | \$ 673,107           | \$ 1,018,615                  |                          |          |  |                |
|           | Total Cost               |             |                 | \$ 8,152,070         | \$ 12,336,557                 |                          |          |  |                |
| MATCH     |                          | 20100482    | COP 16          |                      |                               | DOT                      | Replace  | complete   |                |
|           |                          |             |                 |                      |                               |                          |          |  |                |