



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

*\*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):**

Erika Ammann, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
 Megan Marie, Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
 Trent Liebich, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Kim Clark, U.S. Forest Service

**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:** February 26, 2026, re-submitted May 19, 2026

**Project Website:**

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

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:

Restoration updates:

No on-the-ground restoration construction occurred during this reporting period (Nov–Jan). Work focused on project coordination and closeout documentation for the Cop 1 (MP 12.4) road resurfacing effort completed in October 2025, including follow-up with ADOT on final documentation and confirming that site conditions remain stable heading into winter.

Monitoring updates:

- No additional monitoring activities occurred during this reporting period.

Hydrology updates:

- No hydrology updates for this reporting period.

Other updates:

- NOAA's \$15,000 transfer has been completed and was received by USFWS for planned adaptive management work that was not spent during the COVID years. CRWP will coordinate with USFWS on next steps to apply these funds to priority adaptive management needs at previously restored sites.
- These pending adaptive management amounts are reflected at the end of Table 3 (Major expenses by category).



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**2. Abstract:**

During the Nov–Jan reporting period, no new culvert construction or on-the-ground implementation occurred due to winter conditions. CRWP focused on coordination and closeout documentation for prior restoration work and continued partner discussions to secure and align adaptive management funding for previously restored culvert sites. CRWP staff also made opportunistic field observations at restoration sites when in the area for other travel or project work.

**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	Amy Scudder/CRWP	Trent Liebich/USFWS
Jeff Stutzke/ADOT	Ashley Taylor/CRWP	Marguerite Tibbles/USFWS
Robbie Mattson/ADOT	Erika Ammann/NOAA	Anna Senecal/ USFWS
Matt Billings/ADOT	Steve Namitz/USFS	Franklin Dekker/USFWS
Dan Adamczak/ADOT	Ron Britton/ USFS	Christy Mog/USFS
Luke Boles/ADOT	Kim Clark/ USFS	
Kirsten Valentine/ USFWS	Josh Latham/USFS	
Artem Ruppert/ADOT	Griff Berg/USFS	
..... Emily Mailman/NOAA		
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**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

EVOSTC staff requested clarification on the remaining adaptive management funds (USFS \$120,000, via email), their intended use, and whether activities may extend into FY26. These funds are intended for adaptive management at previously restored sites (e.g., supplemental vegetation matting and measures to reduce beaver-related impacts) and may also support other protective actions such as limited road re-surfacing to safeguard prior investments. Work is expected to extend into 2026 due to the time required to transfer funds and process interagency agreements; CRWP is also coordinating with USFS regarding potential reprogramming of remaining post-restoration monitoring funds for complementary adaptive management.

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**5. Budget:**

This project was awarded prior to the new reporting system, and after conversations with EVOSTC staff, we are continuing with the following budget reporting format.



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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	Constructed/Monitoring	0.7
2023	Black Hole Creek	20100499	COP 33	\$ 1,006,845	\$ 1,239,223	DOT	Replace	Completed Aug 2023	3.2
	Sheridan River Tributary	20100467	COP 1	\$ 1,006,842	\$ 1,045,954	DOT Airport Leasing	Replace	Completed Aug 2023	1.5
Remaining	Sheridan River Tributary	20100475	COP 9	\$ 616,843	\$ 798,641	DOT/Eyak	Replace	construction 2024	1.64
		20101903	SHER 1	\$ 331,842	\$ 741,755	USFS/Eyak	Remove and relocate crossing under CRH	construction 2024	
	Elsner River Tributary	20101904	CAB 1	\$ 56,342	\$ 160,654	DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak	Remove	construction 2024	0.3
		20101905	CAB 2	\$ 544,344	\$ 416,539	DOT Airport Leasing/Eyak	Replace	construction 2024	
Total Direct Cost				\$ 7,478,963	\$ 9,771,571				21.74
9% GA				\$ 673,107	\$ 879,441				
Total Cost				\$ 8,152,070	\$ 10,651,012				
<b>MATCH</b>		20100482	COP 16			DOT	Replace	complete	



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Table 3: Major expenses by category (estimated. Agency totals are not exact). NO additional spending or updates this quarter. All funds have been expended and remain the same as reported in December 1, 2025.

<b>Copper River EVOS Watershed Enhancement Expense Summary</b>	
<b>Item or Activity</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
<b>Engineering and Design contracts</b>	
Geotechnical @ all sites & design @ 25 mile: Cop 43, 44, 45	\$ 318,248.00
Design @ 18 mile: Cop 20, 22, 25	\$ 177,682.50
Design for Cop 1 & 33	\$ 234,836.00
Design for Cab 2, Cop 9, Sher 1	\$ 234,828.00
<b>Total Estimated Design and Other Contracts</b>	<b>\$ 965,594.50</b>
<b>Construction Costs</b>	
Construction Inspection 2024	\$ 44,121.19
Construction @ Cab 1/2 and Sher 1/Cop 9 utility re-locate (2024)	\$ 174,700.00
Compaction testing (2023)	\$ 16,798.41
Construction @ Cop 1, 33 (EVOSTC portion)	\$ 36,900.00
purchase culvert (downpayment only)	\$ 836,798.00
Sher 2 Low Water Ford	\$ 61,233.00
Construction @ 25 mile: Cop 43, 44, 45	\$ 83,000.00
Construction @ 18 mile: Cop 20, 22, 25	\$ 1,744,839.00
Construction inspection	\$ 2,178,145.96
Compaction testing (2020)	\$ 230,527.65
Re-surface Cop 1: 2025	\$ 18,988.50
<b>Total Estimated Construction Costs</b>	<b>\$ 5,450,095.29</b>
<b>Project Management</b>	
CRWP	\$ 535,583.30
USFWS	\$ 140,051.07
USFS	\$ 29,967.90
ADFG	\$ 34,650.00
NOAA	\$ 26,307.00
ADOT	\$ 68,310.45
Audit Costs (2020 & 2021, 2023)	\$ 58,961.39
<b>Total Estimated Project Management Costs</b>	<b>\$ 893,831.11</b>
<b>Total estimated costs</b>	<b>\$ 7,309,520.90</b>
<b>Award</b>	<b>\$ 7,478,963.00</b>
<b>Funds remaining</b>	<b>\$ 169,442.10</b>
<b>NOAA Working to reallocate</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
<b>funds remaining with USFS</b>	<b>\$ 154,442.10</b>
<b>CRWP currently has</b>	<b>\$ (0.00)</b>