



**Project 5-3 Headwaters Bridge to Restore Fish Passage on French River**

**Background:** An old impoundment control structure in the headwaters of the French River was removed in 2008. The culvert which was part of the old dam is still in place and serves as a crossing structure for the Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Trail.

**Problem Statement:** The culvert is not correctly sized or placed in the channel, resulting in it being a barrier to fish passage. It is blocking access for brook trout in the upper 2 miles of stream.

**Goals:** Restore fish passage and natural channel by installing a bridge over French River at crossing of Reservoir Riders Snowmobile trail.

**Priority:** Moderate

**Task Duration:** 1 year

**Potential Mechanism:** GLRI, CPL

**Potential Partnering Organization(s):** DNR Trails and Fisheries, Reservoir Riders Snowmobile Club

**Estimated Cost:** \$50,000

**Comments:**

**Special Considerations:** Site is on DNR Fisheries property.

**Accomplishments:**

**Measure(s) of Success:** Natural stream channel with fish passage to upper two stream miles.

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*Vision Statement: Maintain, protect, and restore healthy cold water ecosystems with relatively stable flows and a diversity of habitat for fish and wildlife to enhance our quality of life.*  
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