

Editor's Note: We love Regional Highlights! But eventually we could fill the entire issue with them. Because our space is limited, we must ask that all Regional Highlights be routed through the Regional Chief Scientist (or the designated purveyor of Highlights for the Region) and that he/she be responsible for making them as brief as possible (while still getting the messages across) and RANK them in the order of importance, in case we still must cut. Thank you so **very** much.

Pacific Northwest

Bull trout, once found in most major river systems in the Pacific Northwest and Canada, have lost ground (or water) over the past 30 years, and many local extinctions have occurred. The Klamath River Basin, Oregon, populations are genetically distinct from other Pacific Northwest populations and are now restricted to cold headwater streams. Habitat degradation and introduction of non-native species are believed the primary causes for the recent decline. Bull trout have been listed as a candidate species under the Endangered Species Act by the USFWS, and as sensitive species by the State of Oregon.

Crater Lake NP has developed a bull trout management program to remove introduced brook trout from Sun Creek in the park, build a barrier to prevent re-invasion, and re-establish a self-sustaining population of bull trout in Sun Creek to the park boundary. No management action will be taken until an Environmental Assessment by an interagency team of experts is produced and made available for public comment.

Mark Buktenica, the park's aquatic biologist, will furnish **Park Science** with an article on the management program in a future issue.



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