

Followup
regarding
Sanpoil River Water Quality

The City of Republic sewer line that broke on March 16th spilled sewage into Granite Creek for about 24 hours before repairs were completed. Granite Creek enters the Sanpoil River just south of Republic.

Environmental Trust collected water samples on March 22nd from Granite Creek, the Sanpoil River at the Reservation boundary, and the Sanpoil River at Brush Creek near Keller.

Bacteria counts in the samples remained very high at Granite Creek, moderately high at the Reservation boundary, meeting the Tribe's water quality standard for bacteria upstream of Keller.

Minimizing contact with the river water is still advised through the period of high runoff.



Photo by Terri Covington

Besides this spill, in places flood waters are washing across winter livestock feeding sites situated on low ground, contributing additional bacteria into some of our streams and rivers.

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Thank you