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Partners, Reclamation Start Construction on Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project

Construction on the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project, near [Manton, California](#), began in February 2010 after many years of planning, coordination, compliance and design efforts. The project will restore approximately 48 miles of Battle Creek's Chinook salmon and steelhead habitat while continuing production of hydroelectric power. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2014.

The first construction contract, which was to remove the Wildcat Diversion Dam, Pipeline and Canal on the North Fork of Battle Creek, was awarded in September 2009, for \$2 million to Contractor Services Group, Inc., of Marina Del Ray, California. A second contract to install fish ladders and screens on North Battle Creek Feeder and Eagle Canyon Diversion Dams on the North Fork of Battle Creek was awarded in October 2009, for \$10.8 million to Syblon Reid General Engineering Contractors of Folsom, California. Crews have started clearing vegetation on both projects in preparation for construction.

Wildcat construction in 2010 includes installing a temporary helicopter landing pad adjacent to Wildcat Road in June; removing Wildcat Diversion Dam beginning in August; removing the 5,500-foot-long Wildcat Canal Pipeline from June to December; removing the pipe culvert which conveys Wildcat Canal under Wildcat Road, and restoring the road in June. In addition crews will backfill a section of Wildcat Canal west of Wildcat Road and will improve a private driveway entrance on the east side of Wildcat Road in June. Wildcat construction is anticipated to be completed early 2011.

The North Fork screens and ladders construction includes: creating a staging area on the west canyon rim above North Battle Creek Feeder (NBCF) Diversion Dam for truck and helicopter use in May; installing fish screens and ladders on the Eagle Canyon and the NBCF Diversion Dams, including building a new access road and pedestrian bridge to provide access to the NBCF site, and improving foot trails to the Eagle Canyon site from July to October 2010 and again May to October 2011. Crews will also improve a private road entrance along Manton Road to safely access the Eagle Canyon Diversion Dam site in April. North Fork Screens and Ladders construction is anticipated to be completed late 2011.



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Reclamation expects to award a contract this summer for work at the Inskip Powerhouse and Coleman Diversion Dam off Manton Road. Throughout construction, notices and signage will be posted for safety and any changes in traffic patterns, and a hotline will be available beginning in May for residents to call. The telephone number will be published as soon as it is available.

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