

## BORAH CREEK HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2017



We also finished our project on Borah creek above Bluff road in Grant County. This was a smaller less intensive project than we normally tackle. The stream work segment was approximately 1800 ft. in length. Above and below this section the stream runs through pasture, but in the project area it flowed through a thick box elder canopy which contributed to erosion problems. In the spring of 2016 we held a brushing work day. It was attended by volunteers who helped remove and burn brush and trees from the work site. We worked hard but barely put a dent in the needed removal. Our contractor removed the rest with heavy equipment. Many of the large box elders were set aside to be used for instream log deflectors and root wads. This concluded the work we did on the site in 2016.







In the summer of 2017 we went back to this site and finished the project. After burning numerous brush piles the riparian area was mowed to allow work access.





After some bank shaping a number of log deflectors and root wads were installed. This helped to narrow a couple of wide areas. It will also help deflect current away from some of the tapered banks. These structures will not only provide good overhead cover for fish, they also provide good habitat for amphibians and reptiles.







The land owner was appreciative of the project and said he would spread the word about Trout Unlimited and our work. We hope to return to this stream and do more habitat improvement in the future.