

Ditch Doings 8/2020

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The Good the Bad and the Ugly.....or better: The GOOD *in* the Bad and the Ugly....



I laughed when we needed to pull this log from the canal and the best place to access it was from the trash pile inside the *lumber yard*. Easy place for us to leave it!





I love being able to pulverize these massive thistles!



Modern day, very easily kept record of our *Cuts* at the top of the canal. The graph shows both the date and the flow. The upper foto shows the first cut on July 2, while the lower foto shows our last cut, to 8/1/1882, yesterday, August 7. We currently have about 5 cfs left, and several fish.



Several good things about the wild downburst on July 23: it trimmed everyone's trees at exactly the same time, and by morning, all those trimmings had gathered up into one spot! I wasn't able to get them all yet, but at least I know exactly where they are and at some point during the winter, I'll be able to burn them right where they are.



This tree did zero damage to this structure, missing it by inches, and my good help, Chris, already has it cut up for fire wood. At least there wasn't any water in the canal!



Our access to the Main got a little messy but our good help from Bellevue city crew had this cleaned up in a day!



Trout Unlimited volunteers "*feeding the 5000.*" ...just like Jesus!



Giving the kids a chance to get involved...always good! "Wiggly," little Kelsa said, as she reached in and tried to touch the thrashing fish.



This is critical erosion in our low-head dam. It's a little difficult to come up with "the good" here, except that had there been a dive mask handy my kid, Ben, would have been down inside this old hulk. It's hollow, and it was tempting.....I'm very relieved that my (dive)mask wasn't in my pickup.



We've dried it up somewhat, for a better look. It's been perfect weather for us, with high temps and low water, to get a good look at this and develop a plan of attack. What could be better?!



The old construction, coming to light, and the immediate risk dealt with temporarily, as we formulate our reaction to it all. Note the old logs laid into place to support the old construction, at least 60 years ago, maybe more. The very commendable "farmer's ingenuity" will come into question. But, the good thing is that we've been laying the groundwork with a good group of interested stakeholders to help tackle and solve "the bad" in this case.

Contact me for more info or a tour. (For a tour, bring your mask. Not the diving type!)

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And here's the Ugly.....or wait....perhaps to many, including me, this is quite beautiful!!!