

Figure 1 – Snohomish focus areas for Federal Coordinated Investment. We have identified areas of overlapping interest within the Snohomish County side of the Lower Snohomish Basin. We are continuing efforts to analyze institutional structures and opportunities for interagency collaboration within these areas.

Snohomish headwaters are forestland, managed regionally through state and federal forest harvest regulations. The lowlands contain the greatest overlap among salmon habitat, agricultural lands, and development pressure from population growth—our initial target for coordinated investment.

EPA—The Pilchuck River, French Creek are the focus of a temperature and fecal coliform TMDL study, that in being integrated with riparian zone management.

NRCS—French Creek, Lower Snohomish, and Lower Skykomish are core agricultural landscapes in Puget Sound, and are an early action area under the Puget Sound Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

NOAA—All areas are priority floodplain and rural watershed targets under salmon recovery planning.

Notes

- Woods Creek was excluded from initial efforts, because there was stronger existing agency focus on the Pilchuck. Woods Creek provides a high priority hydrologic protection and stream restoration opportunity. The Braided Reach of the Skykomish is also a focus for salmon recovery, but has a lower intensity of agricultural land use.
- Watershed boundaries are based on national Hydrologic Units (HUC12). Local planning uses different boundaries and units.
- Analysis was limited to the Snohomish County side of the watershed to improve the institutional analysis.

