

## **ACC Guidelines for Fawn Creek**

Owners of property in Edelweiss through which Fawn Creek flows or to which Fawn Creek abuts must consult with the Okanogan County Planning Department prior to removal of any vegetation on their property and prior to construction activities:

Okanogan County Office of Planning & Development  
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Okanogan, WA 98840  
Phone: 509/422-7160

Fawn Creek is classified by Okanogan County as a “Type 3” waterbody and is governed by **Okanogan County Code 14.12.310 Habitat Standards – Level II.**

This section consists of three parts:

- A. Native Revegetation Standards,
- B. Riparian Vegetation Protection,
- C. Fencing Standards and
- D. Access Standards.

Parts A & B in particular are relevant to properties in Edelweiss.

### **A. Native Revegetation Standards**

This section covers revegetation required to re-establish desirable native plants or plants that enhance local fish and wildlife population in all areas disturbed by construction operations.

### **B. Riparian Vegetation Protection**

This section covers riparian vegetation buffer requirements intended to provide habitat for fish and wildlife for the long-term, for example: breeding, rearing, foraging, and spawning. Significantly, this section has setback requirements in riparian areas intended in part to mitigate the impacts of construction such as the erosion of soil into creeks. In addition, these measures are critical to protecting riparian areas from increased stream temperatures so that fish and wildlife may flourish. As it relates to properties adjoining Fawn Creek, the County requires a setback of 150 feet, as “measured on the horizontal, from the ordinary high water mark”.

Reference: Okanogan County "Critical Areas Regulations", Article III Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, page 31: 14.12.310 Level II - Habitat Standards

### **Additional Concern: Rock Dams**

Recreational rock dams in fish-bearing waters are illegal. Dams prevent fish from moving upstream to find cool water, spawn, and feed. Do not leave dams or other structures in the stream.

Report dams to WDFW at 1-877-933-9847 or by email to [WILDCOMM@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:WILDCOMM@dfw.wa.gov)