

## Slate Creek – Mink Creek Area November 2007



Fish and Game brought a handy-dandy apparatus called a “stinger”. Water is pumped out of the creek and fed into two pipes with a “T” handle and shut off valve on top and a discharge pointed tip.



The group organized into pairs and with long-handled cutters clipped willow branches from the bushes on the other side of the bridge and staged them into piles.



With a new foot bridge installed, the parking lot was moved to the highway side and the concrete culverts in the creek were removed and the area completely terraced with rock and erosion screens.



The stingers would bore holes into the bank and other volunteers were ready to insert a bundle of willow branches into the bored holes. Spring showers from the stingers were sometimes unavoidable!!



Water blasting was sometimes challenging trying to work the stingers down through the rocks. As the willows were placed into the holes, another crew came in behind and clipped back the willows to just a few inches.