

Insects are a Key Part of the River Ecosystem



Lots of insects live in and around the Bitterroot River!

They need clean water to lay eggs, grow, and find food. Insects like mayflies, stoneflies, dragonflies, and caddisflies start their lives in the river. These insects are important food for fish, frogs, and birds!

Why Clean Water Matters to Insects:



If the river gets dirty or polluted, many insects can't survive—and that means less food for the whole ecosystem.

Fun Fact:

Scientists check how clean a river is by looking at the insects that live there!