



# Trinity River Restoration Program

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Subject: Implementation of Dam Releases to the Trinity River for Fishery Restoration

The Secretary of the Interior established the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) in December 2000, to implement a series of actions to restore the anadromous fishery of the Trinity River. The cornerstone of the restoration effort is increased water volumes and variable annual releases from Lewiston Dam based on water year type. These dam releases could be as high as 11,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) for about five days, and would generally occur in late May or early June during extremely wet water years, projected to occur about every ten years on average. Somewhat smaller peak releases, but still higher than historic levels, would occur in wet water years. These higher dam releases, in combination with other restoration activities, are intended to create a broader, more diverse river flood plain, approximating on a smaller scale that which existed prior to construction of the upstream dams. In accordance with this program, on May 23, 2006, the release from Lewiston Dam reached approximately 10,100 cfs, the second highest release from the dam since it was completed in 1963.

Since 2001, the TRRP has been working to address life, health and safety issues within the flood plain of the Trinity River associated with these dam releases. As part of that effort, we are notifying all landowners along the river that, as early as spring 2007, or at any time thereafter, the TRRP intends to fully implement the fishery release requirement of as much as 11,000 cfs if it is determined to be an extremely wet water year. Water year types, as well as typical release schedules, are described in more detail on the TRRP's website at [www.trrp.net](http://www.trrp.net).

In our continuing effort to assist landowners, and out of concern for life, health and safety issues, the TRRP, in cooperation with Trinity County, is implementing an assistance program to allow qualifying landowners to relocate, replace, modify, or otherwise improve their existing water and sewage systems to better resist damage from fishery flows. Please note that the assistance program is a one-time only opportunity to receive financial assistance from the TRRP for this purpose.

Executive Director  
Douglas P. Schleusner

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For more information and to apply for the Trinity River Potable Water and Sewage Disposal System Assistance Program, please contact the Trinity County Planning Department at 530-623-1351 ext. 3411, and request an application along with a description of the program. You may also stop by the Trinity County Planning office located at 60 Glen Road, Weaverville, California, to obtain copies of these documents. The TRRP, located at 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, California, will also be distributing applications and information for the Assistance Program. You may visit in person or call Denise Wiltse at 530-623-1803 or Diana Clifton at 530-623-1804 to request an application and other information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Trinity River Restoration Program at 530-623-1800.

Sincerely,



Douglas P. Schleusner  
Executive Director