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TO: Trinity River Adaptive Management Group

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This letter follows up on my previous presentation to the Trinity River Adaptive Management Group. As I mentioned at the previous meeting, Reading's Creek Tree Farm had been working with the Trinity River Restoration Project (TRRP) since August 2008 and was not involved in the design the proposed Reading Creek Project. Also, information needed to assess the project was fully revealed toward the end of 2009. The Reading's Creek Tree Farm has declined to participate in the proposed project as inappropriate for the community of Douglas City, and as a detriment to our land management.

The Douglas City community plan includes emphasis on fish and rightly so. Historically, there have been a number of deep fishing holes between Vitzthum's and Alcatraz (those which I am less familiar are on down the river to Dutton's Creek). Retaining these deep holes is important to the community of Douglas City and my family's land management of Reading's Creek Tree Farm (note: our property is along the Trinity River, Reading's Creek flows through it, and Marshall Ranch Road provides one access). Finally revealed at the November 17, 2009 tour of the TRRP Sawmill project was that project *funding* is for *fry fish, not adult fish*. The deep holes are important to the adult fish. Accepting a project proposal that sacrifices environment for adult fish to the benefit of fry fish is nonsensical.

Additional concerns are: (1) The TRRP project proposal to "broaden the flood plain" threatens the Marshall Ranch Road neighborhood—the EIR for the project discounts the existence of the neighborhood, as well as managed land in the area, by stating the *boundary of the Trinity River is the ridge to the north/northwest and Hwy 3 to the southeast*; (2) creating a meandering river by dumping gravel is inappropriate as the flows of the river are not, and are not likely to be, high enough to *move gravel and sediment out of the deep holes*; (3) proposed project plans to *purposefully remove or erode private land* and reduce private land ownership is inappropriate; (4) insertion of large trees into the river was not included in the EIR—the *flood damage caused by logs can be devastating and costly*; and (5) TRRP does not, nor do other agencies, *accept responsibility for the consequences of the proposed work*—all costs and subsequent work must be borne by the landowners, Douglas City or the County of Trinity.

Thank you for considering these concerns in your recommendations for river flow and work on the river through the Trinity River Restoration Project.