

Trinity River System Status

Challenge The status of the Trinity River ecosystem has not been assessed in over 10 years. The Trinity River Restoration Program has been releasing restoration flows, augmenting gravels, constructing side channels, lowering floodplains and generally altering the river. What are the assessments conducted by program scientists telling us about the current status of the Trinity River ecosystem?



Lowden Ranch post construction and 11,000 cfs flows

Accomplishments The assessments conducted by program scientists are giving us an interesting view of the current status of the Trinity River ecosystem. Program Scientists have written short briefs on assessments that have been completed or are ongoing. These assessments have been incorporated into the initial Trinity River System Status Report 2011. This report has gone through initial reviews and a technical edit. While many assessments have been included, many more remain to be included in future years as these analyses and assessments are completed. The assessments indicate that ecosystem processes are returning to the river in response to management actions

Uncertainties This System Status update is a preliminary assessment of the Status of the Trinity River ecosystem. We anticipate that as additional assessments are analyzed that our understanding of the health of the ecosystem will change. We also anticipate that as our management actions continue that a substantive positive change in the river ecosystem will be documented.

Future Strategies Each year as we analyze additional assessments we will enhance our understanding of the ecosystem and use this to assist in identifying key uncertainties.

