



# Trinity River Restoration Program

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Dear Ms. Mata:

The purpose of this letter is to express support by the Trinity Management Council (TMC), the governing board of the Trinity River Restoration Program (Program), of efforts by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to acquire properties along the mainstem Trinity River corridor. The basis for our support is described in further detail below.

The goal of the Program is to restore anadromous fish populations to pre-dam levels through reshaping the degraded channel by mechanical rehabilitation, flow management, and riparian restoration to restore natural riverine processes. These actions were recommended in the Trinity Mainstem Fishery Restoration Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and adopted by the Record of Decision in December 2000.

Restoring the fishery resources of the Trinity River has many significant challenges, including the potential constraints of restoring riverine and flood plain habitats due to mixed private and public ownership along the river corridor. The Program has partnered with BLM on large scale restoration projects on BLM lands along the Trinity and we hope there will be continued opportunities to continue these collaborative restoration efforts. We believe that the acquisition of properties along the Trinity River, when they become available, will greatly enhance the Program's ability to achieve fishery restoration goals and at the same time support BLM's efforts to enhance recreation opportunities on the Trinity Wild and Scenic River.

An issue that has been raised concerning the acquisition of private lands is the loss of taxes to Trinity County when these lands are transferred into Federal ownership. As private lands are acquired, we recommend BLM continue payments of in-lieu taxes.

Please feel free to contact Robin Schrock, Executive Director of the TRRP at 530-623-1800 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Person  
Chair, Trinity Management Council

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