



Trinity River Restoration Program

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To: Guides of the Upper Trinity River

The Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) is requesting information regarding suspected challenges to fish passage into tributaries of the upper 40 miles of the Trinity River, specifically near their confluence with the river. Given that local guides are on the river throughout the summer and fall, we were hoping you may be able to assist with this effort.

At the Trinity Management Council's (TMC) December meeting, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) recommended "that the TMC conduct an inventory of the tributaries connectivity with the mainstem for any remedial action to improve fish passage". Given the importance of tributary connectivity for various life stages of the fish, we agree that such an inventory is a useful first step to assess the situation.

In recognition that local guides are an important source of information regarding conditions in the upper river, we seek your perspectives regarding impediments to fish passage at tributary confluences. Of specific interest would be periods of time when you suspect that any of the tributaries in the attached list may have lost connectivity during recent years. Additionally, we ask for your future observations at these confluence locations. Please provide your information by May 1, 2016, on the attached sheet which can be dropped off or mailed to the TRRP office at the above address, Attention: Executive Director.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Federico Barajas
Chairman, Trinity Management Council

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Federico Barajas, Chair, Bureau of Reclamation – Seth Naman, Co-Chair, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Fisheries –
Tern Simon Jackson, USDA Forest Service – Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribe – Dave Hildebrand, Yurok Tribe –
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Bruce Brigham, US Fish & Wildlife Service – TRRP Executive Director

Tributary	Date Connectivity with Mainstem was Lost	Approximate Distance of Dry Streambed (if Known)
Deadwood Creek		
Rush Creek		
Grass Valley Creek		
Indian Creek		
Weaver Creek		
Reading Creek		
Dutton Creek		
Browns Creek		
Maxwell Creek		
Dutch Creek		
Soldier Creek		
Oregon Gulch		
Canyon Creek		
Conner Creek		
North Fork Trinity River		