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Public Comment Sought on Proposal to Restore Paiute Cutthroat Trout to Historic Habitat in Silver King Creek

State and federal wildlife agencies are seeking public comment on a proposal to restore Paiute cutthroat trout to its historic habitat. The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), today released a draft joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for a proposed project to restore this rare trout species within Silver King Creek in Alpine County, California.

The agencies prepared the draft EIS/EIR to evaluate direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed project within 11 stream miles of historic habitat, currently occupied by non-native trout species. The proposal includes the removal of non-native fish in Silver King Creek from Llewellyn Falls downstream to Silver King Canyon, as well as the accessible reaches of three small tributaries: Tamarack Creek, Tamarack Lake Creek and the lower reaches of Coyote Valley Creek. Methods being considered for fish removal include the application of rotenone (a piscicide), electro-fishing or a combination of these methods.

Written public comments will be accepted through May 4, 2009. Comments should be submitted to Stafford Lehr, California Department of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or to Robert D. Williams, Nevada State Supervisor, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, Nevada 89502; fax number (775) 861-6301. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail to SilverKingPublicComment@dfg.ca.gov. More information about the proposed action can be found at the following Web sites: www.fws.gov/nevada or www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Resources/WildTrout/WT_Paiute/WT_PaiuteCutDocs.asp.

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