

Regulatory Update



Trinity Management Council
March 26, 2014 Redding



Channel Rehabilitation:



- Douglas City (Upper DC: Permitted)
- Bucktail & Lower Junction City EA/IS Response to 23 comment letters
 - 17 about proposed Bucktail change of boat access
 - 1 about Lower Junction City (mining, cultural, land ownership) concerns
 - 3 Recommend Watershed not Mainstem emphasis
 - 2 Turbidity concerns
- Final EA/IS expected mid-April
- FONSI LJC and Bucktail redesign



Infrastructure:

- Bucktail Bridge EA/Neg Dec Proceeding with Trinity County as the CEQA lead
 - Need to work with NOAA fisheries to determine pile driving mitigation
 - Include all mitigation in CEQA
 - Complete NEPA/CEQA this summer

Coarse Sediment Management:

- WQCB General Certification for Sediment Management ends Jan 2015
- HIGH FLOW 2014 - Permitted for quantities recommended in Dry and Critically Dry year types

Coarse Sediment Management:

Long-term Plan (5 year Renewal):

- June DRAFT plan from Gravel WG Rationale (general & specific), locations, volumes, frequency, grain size, timing, placement methods, etc.
- WQCB update in early fall
- NEPA/CEQA in fall
- Permit by early 2015

TRRP Biological Assessment - NMFS Biological Opinion Update:

- Channel Rehabilitation & construction techniques
- Coarse Sediment Augmentation techniques and locations
- Fine sediment management
- Infrastructure to accommodate high flows & restoration

TRRP Biological Assessment -
NMFS Biological Opinion Update:

- Programmatic Consultation BA – based on Quality Assurance
- BA will cover associated activities of cooperating Federal agencies
- Existing BO remains in effect during development of new BO

TRRP Biological Assessment
USFWS Biological Opinion Update:

ESA analyses for cooperating agencies

- N. Spotted Owl: Change in Critical Habitat
- Bald eagle: delisted
- Western Yellow Billed Cuckoo: proposed
- Fisher Proposed: proposed

Questions?

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