

Compliance Update



Trinity Management Council
March 25-26, 2015
Redding – US Forest Service Office



5 Year: 401 Water Quality Certification Renewals for 3 Permits :



- 1) Long-term coarse sediment management (expired Jan 20, 2015): 21 day notice until Jan 2, 2015
 - 3 Comments received, Regional Board and TRRP Responded on March 9
 - March 11: Comment requested circulation of associated Initial Study
 - March 19: Initial Study and Permit Notice posted until April 18, 2015
- 2) Fine Sediment management (expired Jan, 20 2015) 21 day notice until Jan 2, 2015. No Comments
 - March 19: Initial Study and Notice posted until April 18, 2015
 - Allows dredging of Hamilton ponds in low water period
- 3) Channel Rehabilitation Permit (Expires May 20, 2015) 45 day notice until April 20, 2015
 - March 26: Public Workshop 7-9 pm; Weaverville Public library



Channel Rehabilitation:



- Douglas City (Upper DC: Permitted)
- Limekiln Gulch EA/IS
(Public review ends March 31)
 - ✧ Both Projects: construct summer 2015
- Bucktail Channel Rehab Project –
EA Revision: To cover Full Project - spring/summer
Upstream is hydrologically disconnected; downstream
features support bridge
Requires NEPA/CEQA lead support, permits, & contract
in order to construct full or phased project
Construct with or without Bridge in 2015 or 2016

Channel Rehabilitation:



- Dutch Creek Downstream:
Project EA/IS: Fall 2015
 - ✧ Rescope Lower Dutch Creek Project with Forest Service in April
 - ✧ Agency coordination – ongoing
 - ✧ Permit and Construct Lower Dutch Creek Project in summer 2016

Infrastructure:



Bucktail Bridge EA/Neg Dec

- Trinity County acts as CEQA lead
- Integrated with Bucktail Channel Rehabilitation Project
- Applied for Federal Land Access Program (FLAP grant). Search for funding

Complete NEPA/CEQA 2015



Coarse Sediment Management:

- Permitted (401 certification) by Late April 2015
Plan to place TMC approved quantity at Diversion Pool and Lowden Ranch
- TRRP public information meeting/announcement
spring 2015



Revegetation

Enhances long-term conditions

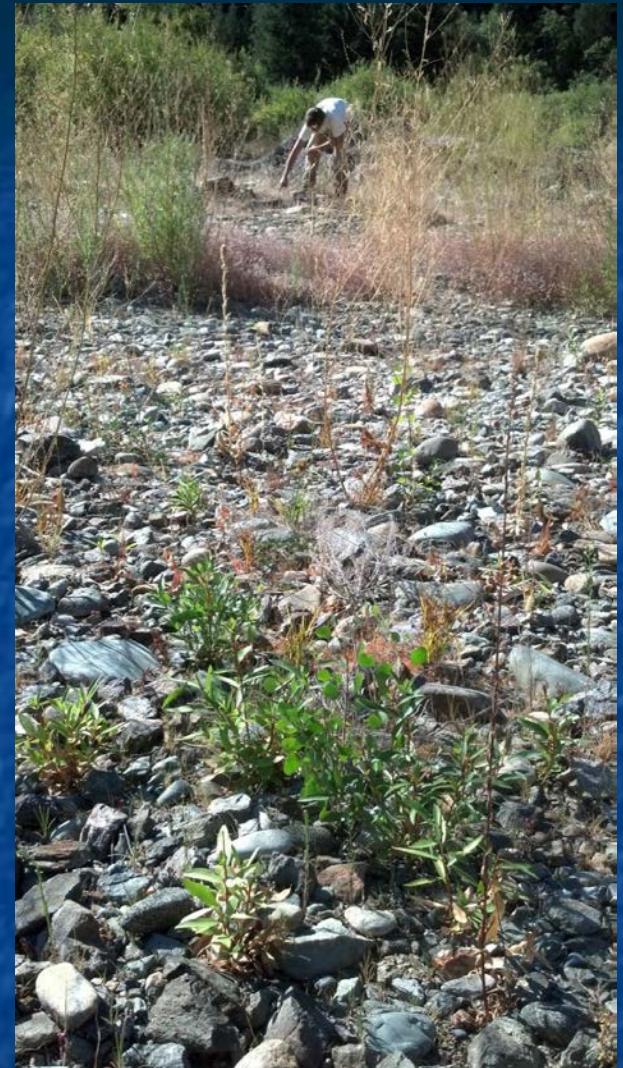
- Shade
- Organic material (leaf litter)
- Cover (in and out of stream)

Updated Reveg Management Plan -

- Natural + Planted = Potential Recovery Area
- Observed Recovery (200 stems/acre) = Recovered Veg



Planting increases native plant diversity

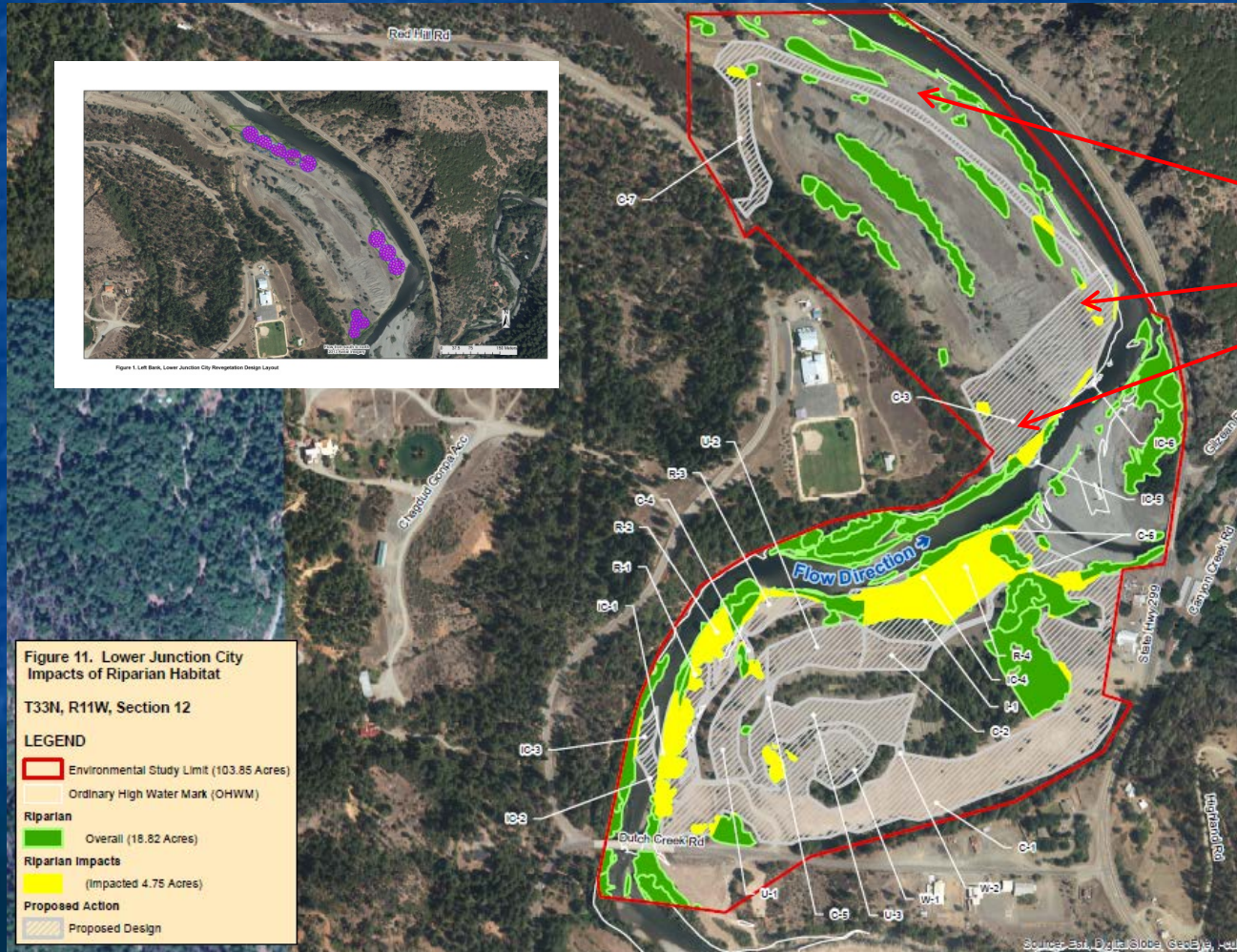


Emphasize floodplain function for natural plant regeneration

Revegetation

No net loss of riparian & wetlands
(1: 1 areal replacement)

Plant this
winter/spring at
Hocker Flat – Lower
Junction City



TRRP Biological Assessment - NMFS Biological Opinion Update:

- Programmatic Consultation BA – based on Quality Assurance via process
- BA will cover associated activities of cooperating Federal agencies
 - Admin draft available to increase utility by cooperating agencies
 - BA Covers: Channel rehab, fine & coarse sediment management, infrastructure for high flows & restoration, a portion of watershed activities
- Existing BO remains in effect during development of new BO

TRRP Biological Assessment

USFWS Biological Opinion Update:

ESA analyses for cooperating agencies

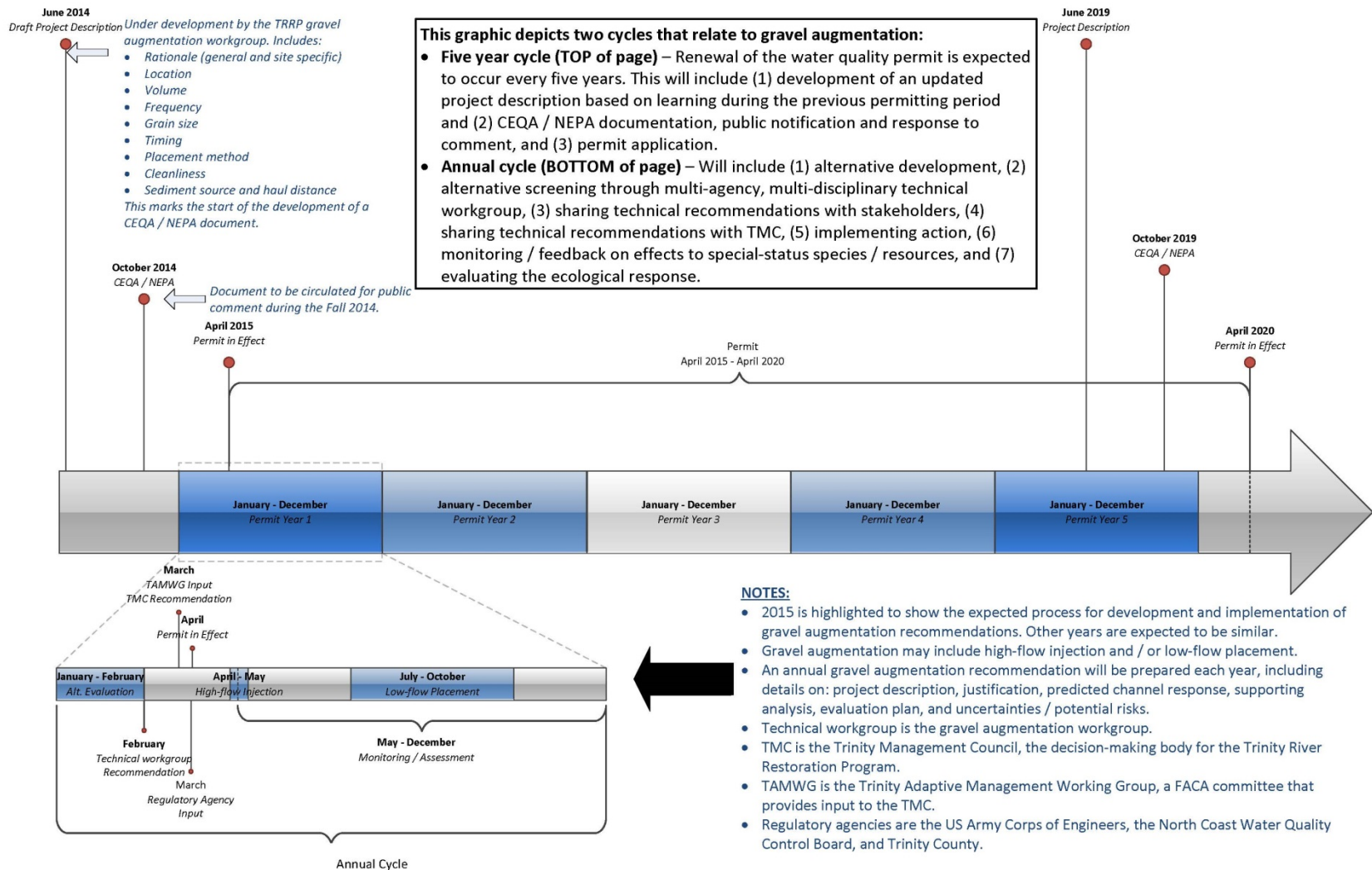
- N. Spotted Owl: Change in Critical Habitat
- Bald eagle: delisted
- Yellow Billed Cuckoo: Western distinct popl'n segment (DSP) THREATENED Nov 2014
- Pacific Fisher: west coast DPS - Proposed for listing

Questions?

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EXTRA ..slides below

Coarse Sediment Management: PROCESS



Environmental Compliance

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Requires analysis and disclosure of environmental & human effects
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - State equivalent to NEPA
 - Requires reducing environmental effects

**Both minimize environmental effects
via public participation and
documentation**

■ NEPA: Federal

- Lead & Project Proponent =
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
(Trinity River Restoration Program)
- Co-Lead =
U.S. Bureau of Land Management



■ CEQA: State

- Lead = State Agency with primary project responsibility
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Responsible Agencies
- Trustee Agencies





Trinity River Restoration Program

