



**DEDICATED TO RESTORING  
A GREAT RIVER**

**April 11, 2005**

**Via Email and USPS**

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**Dear Messrs. Rodgers and Thompson:**

**Your April 11 letter effectively ordering fall flows from Trinity Lake to avoid a potential fish kill in the Lower Klamath this fall is a flat out violation of the Trinity Record of Decision, if not the law upon which you assert such authority.**

**Your intended action is an attempt to use Trinity water as a band-aid to alleviate major problems in the Klamath River system with which you refuse to deal effectively and permanently. Trinity water is not a solution to problems in the Klamath system, short or long term.**

**If additional fall flows are thought to be needed to avoid another fish kill in the Lower Klamath this year, then the Bureau must obtain water elsewhere to solve Klamath problems on a short-term basis – just as it has done in the past.**

**If the Trinity Record of Decision is to be prostituted to serve political objectives, then the logical conclusion is that the Trinity River Restoration Program serves no purpose. Its existence is nothing more than a sham. Ongoing science efforts and 15 years of scientific study would have no meaning.**

**I strongly encourage you to obtain water from sources other than the Trinity to solve potential problems in the Lower Klamath. I strongly encourage you to abandon your present approach that involves a major breach of the Trinity Record of Decision, and that**

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ultimately and effectively would lead to abandonment of a successful restoration of the Trinity River system.

Yours very truly,



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Chair

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