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Route To:

Subject: Trinity River Coarse Sediment Injection & Rehabilitation Project

To: Interested Parties

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6, the Forest Service is accepting public comments substantive to the *Trinity River Coarse Sediment Injection and Rehabilitation Project Environmental Assessment (EA)*. A preliminary version of the EA is available on the Shasta-Trinity website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity>.

My proposed decision is to implement Alternative 2, which is designed to benefit anadromous fish and their habitat by restoring coarse sediment supplies and developing diverse floodplain and main river channel habitat. This restoration project complements rehabilitation activities of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and is consistent with measures required for the restoration of the Trinity River mainstem fishery. We propose to 1) deliver and place approximately 5,100 cubic yards of coarse material within a 1,800 foot reach of the Trinity River, and 2) manipulate a river bank and portions of the riverbed to best accommodate this coarse material. The project site is located downstream from Lewiston Dam and adjacent to the Trinity River Fish Hatchery. The coarse material will be washed prior to placement and will originate in the Trinity River basin. Coarse material levels will be maintained into the future at this site as needed and provided funding is available. I am the responsible official for this proposed project.

Comments will be accepted through the close of business 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Record Searchlight. Please address comments to Hide Wenham at the above address or by e-mail at: comments-pacificsouthwest-shasta-trinity@fs.fed.us. If you have any questions, you may reach Hide at (530) 226-2432

Please provide the following information when submitting comments:

- Your name, address and telephone number
- Project Title (Trinity River Coarse Sediment Injection and Rehabilitation Project EA)
- Specific substantive comments (36 CFR 215.2) along with supporting information you would like to be considered in reaching a decision
- Your signature and other verification of identity upon request

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