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Proposed Trinity River Restoration High-Flow Releases of Up to 11,000 Cubic Feet Per Second Are Under Consideration

The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that two public meetings will be held to discuss upcoming high-flow releases from Lewiston Dam to the Trinity River this spring as part of the Trinity River Restoration Program.

High flows typically begin on April 22, reach their peak in May, then gradually decrease to the summer base flow of 450 cubic feet per second (cfs) by late July. Peak releases typically range from 1,500 cfs to 11,000 cfs, depending on the year. One of the proposals to be discussed at the public meetings will be a peak high flow release of 11,000 cfs for up to four days in duration this May. The purpose of the proposed 11,000 cfs release is to interact with recently completed channel rehabilitation projects aimed at restoring salmon and steelhead habitat.

To prepare the river for a release of 11,000 cfs, the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) replaced four bridges, 124 wells, and upgraded roads and other infrastructure from 2003 through 2009. The largest release to date as part of TRRP was 10,400 cfs in 2006.

The public is invited to attend the meetings on the proposed high-flow release alternatives. The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet on April 12, 2011, at Trinity County Library, 351 Main Street, in Weaverville, California; and the Trinity Management Council will meet on April 13 and April 14, at the Yurok Tribal Office on Hwy 96 in Weichthpec, California. The Trinity Management Council will make a recommendation to Reclamation, which has final authority over flow releases to the Trinity River. Notice of the final flow releases will be issued by Reclamation's Trinity River Division. The public should take appropriate safety precautions whenever river flows are high.

A Record of Decision signed by the Secretary of the Interior in December 2000 outlines the plan to implement recovery of the Trinity River and its fish and wildlife populations. Information about the TRRP is available by calling the program's office at 530-623-1800 or visiting the TRRP office, located at 1313 South Main Street in Weaverville. Additional information is available online at <http://www.trrp.net/water/index.htm>, where there are provisions to subscribe for email notifications of Trinity River flow releases.

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