

SALMON TROLLERS STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT  
PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1990 - LOUISIANA PACIFIC PROPERTY

This report is an update to those parties of interest as to the status of the STMA carcass recovery program.

SOUTH FORK BIG RIVER

Lower Section- The lower section of the South Fork was surveyed two times in February. An early survey on the 9th found water conditions a little high to survey the South Fork itself although one reach was surveyed. No fish or carcasses were found. Several tributaries were surveyed: Ramon and Mettick Creeks, and Anderson Gulch. Ramon Creek had several redds, no fish or carcasses were found. The other two tributaries had no evidence of fish use. Mettick appeared to have suitable to good habitat. Anderson Gulch had poor fish access and poor gravel conditions. A survey crew also surveyed a section on the Big river to Duffy Flat thinking it was a tributary to the South Fork. No evidence of fish use was reported. Two sections of the South Fork were surveyed on the 22nd, Hells Gate down 3.5 miles and from Ramon down to bridge. A couple redds were observed just below Hells Gate. Ramon was also surveyed finding 5 redds.

Upper Section- Three surveys were conducted in the Hansen School to Orr Springs area. One unidentified live fish and twenty redds were seen on the 13th. A prior survey found nothing and a later survey found only a couple of redds. One survey was conducted below Hansen School. Three redds were counted in this survey, but no fish or carcasses. Two surveys were conducted in Daugherty Creek. No evidence of fish use was found in Daugherty Creek or it's tributary Gates Creek in either survey.

SOUTH FORK GARCIA

The South Fork Garcia was surveyed three times in February. Two live steelhead were reported on the 8th and 22nd. As many as 33 redds were counted.

HOWARD CREEK

In Howard Creek three surveys were done in February. The first found one steelhead carcass and the second found two steelhead skeletons. The last survey on the 20th found no fish. Each survey had a couple of redds reported.

## HOLLOWTREE CREEK

Hollowtree below SRA Facility- This section was surveyed three times in February. The survey of the 12th found 5 chinook and 3 unidentified live fish and three chinook and one coho carcass. An additional 12 skeletons were recorded. On the 21st, 2 chinook and 3 unidentified carcasses were tagged with an additional 15 skeletons being found. The last survey on the 27th found 1 chinook and 8 steelhead live. Five unidentified carcasses were tagged and 1 re-observed tag found. Redd counts were 4 on the 12th, 10 on the 21st and 17 on the 27th.

Hollowtree above SRA Facility- Surveys on the 12th and 13th covered most of the area from the SRA facility to about a mile above Butler Creek. Three coho carcasses were tagged and several steelhead sighted. One carcass from a January tagging was also found. Surveys eight days later found one unidentified carcass and three live fish. Towards the end of the month one steelhead carcass was tagged and only one live fish, a steelhead, was reported. Redd counts, early to late, were 13, 19 and 12.

## HOLLOWTREE TRIBUTARIES

Redwood Creek- Three surveys were conducted in Redwood Creek. No carcasses or skeletons were found in the surveys. Three unidentified live fish were seen of the fifth and one coho on the 12th.

Bond Creek- Out of three surveys no fish, and only one steelhead skeleton was reported.

Michaels Creek- Two survey were conducted. Three redds were reported on the first and eight on the second. No fish or carcasses were found.

Huckleberry Creek- One skeleton and a couple redds were identified from the three surveys conducted.

Butler Creek- Two surveys found up to five redds. No fish or carcasses were found.

## PROJECT STATUS

No additional stream carcass surveys are currently being considered for March.