



Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Trinity River Survey

Please return this survey by March 31, 2019.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD), a solely grant-funded Special District of the state, is requesting input from the citizens of Trinity County to get your thoughts about the management of the Trinity River. We would greatly appreciate a few moments of your time to answer the following questions:

Question 1: Please provide information about yourself

Question 1A: How long have you lived in Trinity County? _____

Question 1B: If you do not live here, how long have you been visiting? _____

Question 1C: Do you live along the Trinity River or a tributary? If so, which area? _____

Question 1D: Do you recreate on the Trinity River/Trinity Lake/Lewiston Lake? If so, what are your hobbies? _____

Question 2: If you use the Trinity River for recreational purposes, where are the top three locations you use to access the river (such as: Lewiston Old Bridge, Steel bridge in Douglas City, Lorenz Gulch on Steiner Flat Rd., Sky Ranch Rd. in Junction City, etc.)?

Question 2A: At these river access locations are there permanent informational signs, and are they helpful? _____

Question 3: The Trinity River Restoration Program's locations for river restoration projects extends from the Lewiston Dam to where the North Fork meets the Trinity River (Helena).

Question 3A: Have you observed any of these projects? Yes or No

Question 3B: Where? _____

Question 3C: What are your impressions? _____

Question 4: The main methods for returning the river to health after the installment of the dam are: varying water flow releases to the river; river channel rehabilitation; addition of gravels for channel complexity and spawning habitat; and sediment reduction projects on watersheds that drain into the river. How beneficial do you think these methods are?

____ Very beneficial ____ Slightly Beneficial ____ Not Beneficial ____ Don't know

Why? _____

Question 5: Each year, the amount of water to be released into the Trinity River changes. These changes are called restoration flow releases. The U.S. Department of the Interior and multiple agencies *authorize* the Trinity River restoration flow release schedule, based on *recommendations* developed by the TRRP for river and salmon health.

Do you agree with recommendations made by TRRP most years?

____ Strongly agree ____ Agree ____ Disagree ____ Strongly disagree ____ Don't know

Question 5A: Why? _____

Question 6: The purpose of rehabilitating the Trinity River with restoration flow releases is to enhance beneficial habitat conditions for fish and wildlife; build gravel/cobble bars; strengthen and control riparian habitat (plants near water that support the aquatic food web); and encourage natural changes. How important are these actions to you?

___ Very important ___ Important ___ Somewhat important ___ Unimportant ___ Don't know

Question 7: Historical large scale mining, such as hydraulic and dredge mining, devastated the ecology of Trinity River. Some of those impacts include polluting the river with sediment, removing necessary habitat which disrupted the food web, and diverting whole sections of the river. Do you believe that historical mining still has an impact on salmon today?

___ Large impact ___ Moderate impact ___ Minor impact ___ No impact at all ___ Don't know

Question 8: After construction of the dam, the consistent and unchanging water releases from the dam created straight and narrow channels in the Trinity River. This isn't natural nor healthy for the river for the following reasons (mark all that apply):

- It reduced the amount of restorative floods which were historically seen pre-dam
- It cut off the river from historic nutrient rich floodplains that fish, animals, and plants need to thrive
- It prevented gravel from moving downstream and reduced clean gravel beds for salmon spawning habitat

Question 9: How important are these topics to you? Use the scale where 1 is the most important to 6 as the least important.

___ Overall river health and ecology

___ Water temperature and quality

___ River flow releases

___ Communication from TRRP: Restoration Goals, Past, Present or Future Projects

___ Recreational uses

___ Salmon populations and health

If you would like to stay informed about the Trinity River please provide your contact information below. This information will not be shared.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone number:

Use the space below to share any other thoughts about the health and management of the Trinity River:

Thank you for your time to help us better serve you. Please note that your answers will be kept confidential.

To return this survey

Scan and email to: info@tcrd.net

Mail to: Trinity County Resource Conservation District, P.O. Box 1450, Weaverville, CA 96093

Drop-off: TCRCD office at 30 Horseshoe Lane in Weaverville