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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
GASOLINE SPILL NEAR DEER CREEK

CHICO, Calif. -- The Department of Fish and Game responded to a gasoline spill that occurred off Highway 32 near Windy Cut, around 1 p.m. on May 20, 1996.

Approximately 4,800 gallons of gasoline flowed from an overturned gasoline truck and down a slope located five miles north of the Butte County line and 35 miles east of Chico. Initial concerns had to do with the site's proximity to some of the State's most valued salmon spawning grounds in Deer Creek.

Representatives from the Butte County Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol, and California Department of Forestry are also on scene. Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response has dispatched personnel to assist with cleanup. No public health risk is anticipated.

At this time, Deer Creek is unaffected, and no impacts to fish or wildlife have been observed or are anticipated. The cause of the spill is still under investigation.