

# Memorandum

To : J. Ryan

Date: July 29, 1976

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject: Silver Fork of the South Fork American Above Mouth of Caples Creek

This section of stream that flows out of Silver Lake reportedly is reportedly depleted of trout according to angler reports.

If time allows, have Jim Richard shock at both ends and a reasonable distance upstream from the lower end and report his findings before winter sets in.

A Mr. Douglas Clark Gibson of 10482 Malaga Way, Rancho Cordova, 95670, reported this condition.



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Silver Fork Amer. El. ...

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Mr. Douglas C. Gibson  
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

In response to your questions concerning the Silver Fork American River, District Fishery Biologist Jim Richard and I inspected the stream on November 10.

We worked our way upstream from below the confluence of Caples Creek for a mile to where the trail forks to Sherman Canyon. The volume of flow was more than 50 cfs, too high for electrofishing, so we simply made visual observations in the clear stream.

The stream passes through a stairstep series of large boulders and low falls beginning about 3/4 mile above Caples Creek and extending a short distance below the confluence. Trout might be able to ascend this reach, but it is extremely doubtful. Above this area of falls the river is relatively slow moving with nice pools and riffles. In this stretch I observed 14 trout in one 35 x 100 foot pool. Half of these were eastern brook and the rest were probably rainbow, but they may have been browns or a combination of rainbow and brown trout. Their size range was about 7 to 9 inches. We looked for recently turned gravels indicative of nest building but saw none.

Sincerely,

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