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Brown Trout Fingerlings

I would like to request BN-W fingerlings for the following waters in the Placerville District:

Slab Creek Reservoir - 10,000 BN-W-F, *El Dorado Co.*

This water is on the SF American River north of Camino and has not been planted except for KoK which apparently failed. Gill netting indicates SQ and SKR in fair abundance in addition to a few BN and possibly a few RT. Angling success is very limited due to steep canyon walls. It is known to "locals" who fish it by boat occasionally. I believe it lends itself to a small trophy trout fishery. Rough fish production will provide the forage. Spawning gravels are available in Slab Creek, Brush Creek, and the SF American River upstream from the powerhouse.

Big Reservoir, Placer County. - Estimated size 35-40 acres when full.

I would like to request 4,000 BN-W-F for this water. It has a 20-unit USFS campground and picnic unit at the lake. Apparently most of the surrounding property is owned by the McGeachin Placer Gold Mining Company. It is not posted against trespassing at the present time. Outboard motors are not permitted on the lake because of "wake damage" to the earth fill dam. Boats and swimming are permitted. Two gill nets (Mono's) fished for four net hours caught no fish nor were any observed in the shallows or the inlet stream. I believe a trail plant of BN and RTF would be feasible. The tributary should provide some spawning success.

Sopiago Creek, Amador County - 5,000 BNW-F

In 1960 and 1961, 5,000 RT were planted in year from the old Berry Mill to Omo Ranch to replace fish lost due to the mill polluting the creek. BN trout were planned for planting at this time also but were probably not available. The present RT populations are low at this time due to heavy silting from Sierra Recreation Enterprises. This low to mid-elevation stream seems ideally suited to BN-W in addition to the RT.

Cole Creek, Amador County - 2,500 BNW-F

This stream has apparently gone dry in recent years and should be restocked with fingerlings to help replace fish lost in the past. Logging has been active in

this drainage. The areas that I have seen have had considerable D.G. Perhaps dry years and lagging have influenced the streamflows to some degree.

Total BWF requested - 21,500.

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