

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
STREAM INVENTORY REPORT**

Young Creek

*Summary Completed April 14, 2006*

*Assessment Completed 2001*

INTRODUCTION

A stream inventory was conducted during the summer of 2001 on Young Creek. The inventory was conducted in one part: habitat inventory. The objective of the habitat inventory was to document the amount and condition of available habitat to fish and other aquatic species with an emphasis on anadromous salmonids in Young Creek.

The objective of this report is to document the current habitat conditions and recommend options for the potential enhancement of habitat for Chinook salmon, coho salmon and steelhead trout. Recommendations for habitat improvement activities are based upon target habitat values suitable for salmonids in California's north coast streams.

WATERSHED OVERVIEW

Young Creek is a tributary to Feliz Creek a tributary to the Russian River, located in Mendocino County, California. The legal description at the confluence with Feliz Creek is T13N R12W S7 in the Yorkville and Hopland Quads. Its location is 38° 59' 33.11" N. latitude and 123° 12' 48.09" W. longitude. Year round vehicle access is available via Highway 101 to Feliz Creek Road near Hopland, CA.

Young Creek and its tributaries drain a basin of approximately 1.9 square miles. Young Creek is a second order stream and has approximately 2.76 miles of perennial stream. Elevations range from about 770 feet at the mouth of the creek to 2720 feet in the headwaters. The lower to mid-upper reaches are dominated by herbaceous plants and deciduous woodland, while the upper reach has a mix of deciduous and coniferous woodland. The riparian canopy consists primarily of oak and bay laurel. The watershed is owned primarily by private landowners, and is managed for timber, grazing and vineyards. No sensitive plants listed from the CNPS Inventory and DFG's Natural Diversity Database within the Young Creek watershed.

At the time of the habitat typing survey, in July of 2001, Young Creek was found to be dry for the entire length of 14,731 feet. Due to the dry stream conditions, a full creek report was determined to be unnecessary.