

Memorandum

To : Survey Files

Date : June 2, 1987

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject: Sierra Ski Ranch Expansion Plans

On May 6, 1987 Karl Stein, USFS Biologist and I looked at Huckleberry Creek and an unnamed creek in T11NR17ES11 tributary to the South Fork American River. The unnamed creek was electrofished from the Sierra Ski Ranch Road downstream for 100 feet. We picked up 5 BK @ 3-3/4 inches and six BK @ 3-1/2 inches. Several also escaped. No fish were observed upstream of the road culvert in Alder Thicket. The flow was estimated at 1/3 cfs.

Huckleberry Creek was observed from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. There is a barrier about 300 yards upstream from the mouth. A number of BK were observed along the 1/2 mile section. Good cover exists but spawning gravel is lacking due to decomposed granite. The BK range from three to eight inches. Additional silt and decomposed granite will probably destroy the fishery.

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