

# Memorandum

To : Fisheries Management

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From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject: *Upper*  
Letts Valley Lake, Colusa County

When in the Stonyford area on January 10, 1963, I obtained the following use data and information on subject from the local USFS District Ranger Office.

During 1962 the Forest Service conducted use counts at the campground and around Letts Valley Lake. The following data were obtained from their files: (counts were made around 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated. The counts are probably close to daily peaks as the people arrive in most cases on Friday night or in the case of mid-week counts were camped there)

Sat.	April 28	750	Sat	August 4	264 (deer/season)
Sat.	May 5	150	Tues.	August 10	95
Sat.	May 12	180	Sat	August 11	93
Sat.	May 19	210	Fri.	August 17	37
Sat.	May 26	126	Sat	August 18	69
Tues.	May 29	27	Thurs.	August 23	8
Sat	June 2	72	Sat.	August 25	115
Tues.	June 5	18	Tues.	August 28	21
Sat.	June 9	122	Sat.	Sept. 1	117
Thurs.	June 14	37	Mon.	Sept. 3	198
Sat.	June 16	138	Wed.	Sept. 5	92
Sat.	June 23	52	Sat	Sept. 8	102
Sun.	June 30	72	Mon.	Sept. 10	69
Wed.	July 4	51	Sat	Sept. 15	22
Sat.	July 7	94	Mon.	Sept. 17	33
Mon.	July 9	28	Sat.	Sept. 22	34
Sat.	July 14	27	Sat	October 26	33
Tues.	July 17	73	)Scout		
Sat.	July 21	92	)Group		
Tues.	July 31	41			

An estimate of total use of 9,000 angler <sup>days</sup> ~~days~~ was projected from these sample counts.

The Forest Service estimated 20,000 visitor-days use of the Letts Valley Lake and campground. This was a 30% increase over 1961.

The Forest Service reports that they plan to cooperate with the Colusa County Agriculture Commission and the Department of Fish and Game (presumably the local warden as Region II Headquarters is not cognizant of what is going on here) in a weed treatment program this spring or summer using county fine money to purchase the chemicals. The Forest Service will provide a helicopter. This should be investigated.



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