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Impacts to and uses of Trinity River not stated or clearly addressed**

We are opposed to the project draft environmental document and cannot support your project. The Trinity River, its fisheries and habitats including cold water, need to be addressed. The Trinity River already loses too much natural flow to Whiskeytown, Keswick and beyond with no compensation to our county, fisheries or wildlife. In the past, during many long, dry years river flows have been inadequate for our coldwater fisheries and those downstream needs including up & downstream migration; even though flow regulators have attempted corrections to problems.

We are concerned that the draft EIR-EIS language is not clear enough to address protection of our Trinity River. In addition, we do not believe any high water flows should be sent to the Sites Reservoir Project until our Trinity and Lewiston Lake levels are adequate for more viable recreation, lake and river fisheries and other wildlife uses, including downstream. The consequences of Trinity River water leaving the county during the "more recent" severe drought years are painfully obvious. We also believe that many local Trinity County residents are unaware of this project's probable impacts to the river as the postings were vague.

Please keep us updated the progress of this projects, and
Thank you for the opportunity for input.

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