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**Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control  
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

**Grantee Name:** Western Rivers Conservancy  
**Project title:** Deer Creek-Mill Creek Acquisition: Pre-Project Planning  
**SNC Reference Number:** SNC 394 **Submission Date:** 2/11/2014  
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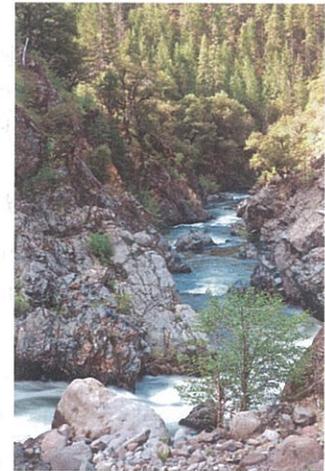
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**6-Month Progress Report**  
 **Final Report**

**6-Month Progress Reports** should reflect the previous six months. **Final Reports** should reflect the entire grant period.

**A. Progress Report Summary:** (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)

In March 2012, Western Rivers Conservancy successfully conveyed the 599-acre Lower Deer Creek Falls (Phase I) property to the Northern California Regional Land Trust. Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) permanently protected a key stretch of the stream corridor on lands that lie within the Lassen National Forest. WRC secured take-out funding for the Lower Deer Creek Falls property from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Conservation Board.



*Deer Creek* Cindy Diaz Photo

Western Rivers Conservancy continued to advance the second stage of the project, a 2,592-acre acquisition from Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI). Western Rivers Conservancy is focused on acquiring from SPI an additional 640 acres in the Deer Creek watershed and 1,952 acres along three miles of Mill Creek. These lands are the "missing link" of private land in a protected fish and wildlife corridor that follows Mill Creek all the way down to the Ishi Wilderness Area. WRC remains committed to the conservation of the Phase II lands and will continue our efforts following the March 1, 2014 expiration of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant period.

**B. Deliverables or Outcomes completed during this Reporting Period or Milestones**

**Achieved:** (Include specific information, such as public meetings held, agency participation, partnerships developed, or acres mapped, treated or restored.)

Western Rivers Conservancy is pleased to provide this update on the detailed deliverables pertinent to the SNC grant agreement.

➤ *Identify long-term steward of Phase I property.*

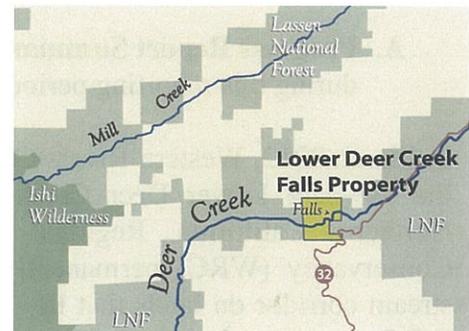
Western Rivers Conservancy completed this deliverable. After exploring all options, WRC determined the best long-term steward was the Northern California Regional Land Trust.

➤ *Secure permanent funding for Phase I property.*

WRC completed this deliverable on December 8, 2011, when the Wildlife Conservation Board awarded a \$1.1 million grant for Phase I of the project. In March 2012, the project was funded and the property conveyed to Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT).

➤ *Negotiate agreement with funder and long-term steward for Phase I.*

WRC negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement with NCRLT for the Lower Deer Creek Falls property. The agreement called for installation of a gate on an access road to regulate public access as a condition of WRC's sale of the property to NCRLT. The installation of the gate was completed. WRC coordinated with NCRLT and the Wildlife Conservation Board and conveyed the 599-acre Lower Deer Creek Falls property in a timely manner.



➤ *Convey Phase I land to long-term steward.*

Western Rivers Conservancy conveyed the Lower Deer Creek Falls property to NCRLT on March 30, 2012. A management plan for the property has been developed (attached).

➤ *Complete appraisal of Phase II property.*

The appraisal of the Phase II lands was completed. The appraisal process faced some unanticipated challenges, including criminal activity on the property which delayed the appraisal by several months. After the field work was finally completed, a fire swept through the Phase II project lands.

The appraisal was unsatisfactory to Sierra Pacific Industries. In 2013 and early 2014, WRC was in discussions with SPI to address this issue.

WRC and US Forest Service staff review of the appraisal continued beyond the scheduled timeline, and was completed in advance of the March 1, 2014 conclusion of the SNC grant period.

➤ *Negotiate with SPI for Phase II land.*

Western Rivers Conservancy successfully negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement with SPI for 2,592 acres of Phase II lands. Following full execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, WRC negotiated two amendments to our agreement to address delays due to criminal activity, forest fires and outstanding mineral interests.

The transaction hit a bump when the appraisal came in far lower than expected. Sierra Pacific Industries was not willing to proceed. WRC worked with SPI to develop a solution. As of February 2014, the Emmerson family and SPI staff were unwilling to accept the appraised value of the Phase II lands.

WRC's negotiations with Sierra Pacific Industries: extended past the SNC deliverables schedule; remain open-ended; and are expected to continue beyond the March 1, 2014 conclusion of the grant period.

➤ *Build community and local government support for Phase II transfer to USFS.*

WRC has built support for the project at all levels of the US Forest Service and within the community. WRC also forged relationships with new members of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors and responded to inquiries from the Board. We secured verbal and written support from The Nature Conservancy, Deer Creek Watershed Conservancy, Sierra Club, Friends of the River, and Tehama County Resources Conservation District. These agencies and organizations have provided written support of the project in the past, and many of them offered reaffirmation letters.

WRC built community and agency support for the project beyond the scheduled timeline, and completed this effort in advance of the March 1, 2014 conclusion of the grant period.

➤ *Work with U.S. Forest Service to position Phase II land for acquisition.*

Western Rivers Conservancy continues to work with the US Forest Service to ensure the Phase II acquisition is a funding priority for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). WRC secured \$1.5 million in FY2012 LWCF funds. Acquisition of the Phase II lands remains a priority for Region 5 of the U.S. Forest Service.

WRC worked with the U.S. Forest Service beyond the SNC deliverables scheduled timeline, and will continue our efforts following the March 1, 2014 conclusion of the grant period.

➤ *Contract for and review the Phase II environmental site assessment.*

The environmental site assessment for the Phase II lands has been completed. Completion of the site assessment was more challenging and time consuming than anticipated due to the criminal activity on the property.

**C. Challenges or Opportunities Encountered:** (Please describe what has worked and what hasn't; include any solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.)

Western Rivers Conservancy implemented a multi-year effort to acquire and permanently protect 3,191 acres of riparian and surrounding land along Deer and Mill Creeks. In the first 31 months of the grant period, we successfully: secured a permanent steward for the Phase I lands; leveraged permanent funding for the Phase I Lower Deer Falls property; conveyed the Lower Deer Creek Falls property to a long-term steward; negotiated an agreement for the Phase II land; and completed an environmental assessment as well as a Federal Yellow Book appraisal on the Phase II land.

The total acreage that WRC worked to purchase in Phase II shifted slightly from 2,730 acres in our original SNC application to 2,592 acres in the purchase agreement we had with Sierra Pacific Industries. The original acreage figure came from 2010 discussions with SPI. The Purchase and Sale Agreement reduced the acreage by 138 acres, as SPI did not want to sell those lands. The Phase II appraisal acreage of 2,385 reflects the fact that there was a small portion of land the US Forest Service did not want to acquire.

Challenges included: outstanding mineral interests on the Phase II lands; and a large marijuana growing operation which was discovered by the timber cruiser on the Phase II property, followed by several fires which impacted portions of the project area.

The primary challenges to our timeline and deliverables included the following.

- (a) The outstanding mineral rights were a significant hurdle. Western Rivers Conservancy strived to gain control of the outstanding mineral rights over some parcels within the Phase II lands. We tracked down the owner of the outstanding mineral rights. WRC completed a minerals report in an effort to have the US Forest Service accept the property with the minerals outstanding. WRC worked to acquire the mineral rights from the owner, Newmont Energy. The US Forest Service was unwilling to accept the property with outstanding mineral interests, and WRC was unsuccessful in our efforts to acquire them. If SPI had been willing to proceed with sale of the land, then WRC would have reengaged with Newmont Energy to attempt to reacquire the missing mineral rights.
- (b) A large marijuana growing operation was discovered by the timber cruiser on the Phase II property. The presence of criminal activity increased the complexity of the project,

resulting in additional staff time and expense and delaying the project by several months. Law enforcement would not allow us to complete the timber cruise or the environmental site assessment until their surveillance was completed and the operation was shut down. After the timber cruise and the environmental site assessment were completed, two fires swept through and impacted portions of the property. These factors complicated the environmental site assessment, delayed the appraisal process and caused WRC to negotiate two amendments to our purchase agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries. WRC actively addressed these challenges.

**D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved:** (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

Not applicable.

**E. Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs:** (Please refer to your grant agreement to list your deliverables/budget categories and budgeted costs compared to actual costs incurred during this reporting period in the table below.)

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Budgeted SNC Dollars</b>	<b>Actual Dollars</b>
Complete negotiations with Phase I long-term steward	\$713.55	\$713.55
Seek permanent funder to replace Phase I bridge loan	\$6,727.27	\$6,727.25
Negotiate agreements for Phase I funder and long-term steward	\$4,632.75	\$4,632.75
Convey Phase I land to long-term steward	\$6,198.30	\$6,198.30
Contract for and review Phase II appraisal	\$3,000.00	\$862.65
Negotiate with SPI for Phase II	\$7,500.00	\$7,689.30
Complete purchase agreement and due diligence for Phase II	\$18,500.00	\$18,394.33
Review Phase II appraisal update for USFS approval	\$738.40	\$812.24
Contract for and review Phase II environmental assessment	\$1,118.25	\$1,118.25
Build community and local government support for Phase II transfer to US Forest Service	\$12,000.00	\$6,368.70
Work with U.S. Forest Service to position Phase II land for acquisition	\$15,000.00	\$14,803.51
Direct costs: Travel	\$5,000.00	\$1,669.77
Contracts: Phase II appraisal	\$14,555.16	\$14,555.16
Contracts: Phase II appraisal update	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00
Contracts: Environmental site assessment	\$12,950.00	\$9,450.00
Administrative costs	\$6,666.32	\$5,397.70
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$109,093.46</b>

**Explanation:** (if needed)

A revised Project Costs budget (Exhibit A to the original grant agreement) was approved by Sierra Nevada Conservancy on May 14, 2013.

The “Actual Dollars” reflect the first 31-plus months (June 20, 2011 – January 31, 2014) of the 32-plus-month grant period.

A Request for Payment for the period of April 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 was mailed to Sierra Nevada Conservancy on February 7, 2014.

**F. Do you have information to report on the project-specific Performance Measures for your project?** (If so, please list the Performance Measures below and describe your progress.)

In the first 31 months of the 32-plus-month grant period, Western Rivers Conservancy made strong progress toward the performance measure of “*Percent of Pre-Project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation.*”

There are eleven project deliverables (excluding reports). Eight of the deliverables (73% of the project) have been completed. Western Rivers Conservancy has: identified a long-term steward of the Phase I property; secured permanent funding for Phase I property; negotiated an agreement with the funder and long-term steward for Phase I; conveyed the Phase I land to the long-term steward; completed an appraisal of the Phase II property; negotiated with SPI for Phase II land; contracted for and reviewed the Phase II environmental assessment; and built community and local government support for Phase II transfer to US Forest Service.

Three additional deliverables (27%) are in process or ongoing beyond the SNC grant period: complete purchase agreement and due diligence for Phase II; update appraisal on Phase II for USFS review and approval; and work with U.S. Forest Service to position Phase II land for acquisition.

**G. Were there any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this Agreement that are not a part of the budgeted deliverables? If so, please attach copies.** (Include digital photos, maps, media coverage of project, or other work products.)

We are enclosing the following materials relevant to the project:

- April 27, 2012 news article from the Chico *Enterprise Record* regarding Phase I (previously submitted with the May 31, 2012 Progress Report); and

- September 2011 Management Plan for the Lower Deer Creek Falls property developed by the Northern California Regional Land Trust.

**H. Next Steps:** (Work anticipated in the next 6 months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.)

In the future and following the SNC grant period, Western Rivers Conservancy plans to continue our work with Sierra Pacific Industries, Newmont Energy, and the US Forest Service to acquire and permanently protect the Phase II lands.

## **Please Complete this Section for FINAL Report ONLY**

**Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders:** (What partnerships did you initiate or strengthen as a result of this project? How did they affect the project outcome? If applicable, how did this grant increase your organization's capacity? What is your plan to sustain this increase?)

In addition to Sierra Nevada Conservancy's essential project support, Western Rivers Conservancy collaborated with many stakeholders in the Deer and Mill Creek watersheds. These project partners included:

- Sierra Pacific Industries (forest products company and seller of Phase I Lower Deer Creek Falls property);
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (capital funder of the Phase I land via Wildlife Conservation Board grant to the Northern California Regional Land Trust);
- Northern California Regional Land Trust (permanent steward of the Phase I Lower Deer Creek Falls property);
- Tehama County Board of Supervisors (provided resolution in support of the Phase I land conservation effort);
- U.S. Forest Service (potential funder of the Phase II acquisition via the Land and Water Conservation Fund and possible long-term steward of these lands);
- Friends of the River (long-time advocate for Wild and Scenic status along Mill and Deer Creeks); and
- The Nature Conservancy (engaged in an upper watershed conservation planning effort on Mill and Deer Creeks).

These project partnerships have advanced Western Rivers Conservancy's ability to complete the Phase II acquisition in the future, as well as our efforts to conserve additional riverlands in the greater Sierra Nevada region.

### **Description of Project Accomplishments:**

#### **1. Most Significant Accomplishment**

Describe in one concise, well-written paragraph, the most significant accomplishment that resulted from this grant.

Western Rivers Conservancy has forever safeguarded the last significant unprotected stretch of Northern California's beautiful Lower Deer Creek, chalking up a conservation victory for both salmon and people. Deer Creek, which flows from the flanks of Mount Lassen to the Sacramento River, is one of the few streams left in the Sierra Nevada that holds healthy runs of spring Chinook salmon and steelhead. For this reason, WRC seized the opportunity to

purchase a 599-acre inholding within Lassen National Forest from Sierra Pacific Industries in 2009. In 2012, WRC conveyed the property to the Northern California Regional Land Trust with funding from the California Wildlife Conservation Board. The land trust now manages the land in perpetuity for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people.

## 2. WOW Factor

If applicable, please describe anything that happened as a result of the project or during the project that is particularly impressive.

The Phase I project lands encompass 599 acres centered at Lower Deer Creek Falls. The falls themselves are treasured by hikers, and the area is prized by whitewater kayakers. The upper reaches of Deer Creek flow through old-growth forests that are prime habitat for California spotted owl, black bear and other wildlife. The river tumbles through a deepening volcanic canyon, then courses through chaparral forests and groves of blue oaks before meeting the Sacramento. Along the middle stretch, where you will find Lower Deer Creek Falls, the river is easily accessible to hikers via Highway 32. A trail winds through the canyon, leads to the falls and then connects to a network of wilderness trails.

Although at 50 miles Deer Creek is a relatively small stream, it is of great importance when it comes to salmon survival in California. The river lacks dams, is nearly void of development and has little watershed disturbance. It is one of the Sierra's top three streams in regard to healthy conditions for aquatic life. For California salmon and steelhead, Deer Creek holds one of their best chances of survival.



*Deer Creek is a rare California waterway with healthy runs of spring Chinook salmon.* Barrie Kovish Photo

## 3. Design and Implementation

When considering the design and implementation of this project, what lessons did you learn that might help other grantees implement similar work?

The project was well designed and professionally implemented. Western Rivers Conservancy has a two-decade track record of 55 successful riverland acquisition projects. Occasionally acquisition projects encounter near-term barriers that are insurmountable. This was the case with the Phase II acquisition in the Mill and Deer Creek watersheds. WRC takes a long-term view and is optimistic that we will preserve these lands in the future.

## 4. Indirect Impact

Please describe any indirect benefits of the project such as information that has been developed as a result of the project is being used by several other organizations to improve decision-making, or a conservation easement funded by this grant that encouraged other landowners in the area to have conservation easements on their property.

Lower Deer Creek Falls, a scenic amenity and recreation destination, is on the Phase I land. One hiking group, trails.com, calls the trail to Lower Deer Creek Falls “the ultimate streamside hiking path.” Western Rivers Conservancy’s conveyance of the Phase I property to the Northern California Regional Land Trust has preserved public access to this trail and has also enhanced the scenic, ecological and cultural values of these lands in perpetuity.



*Lower Deer Creek Falls* Leon Turnbull Photo

## **5. Collaboration and Conflict Resolution**

If you worked in collaboration or cooperation with other organizations or institutions, describe those arrangements and their importance to the project. Also, describe if you encountered conflict in the project and how you dealt with it, or if there was conflict avoided as a result of the project.

Western Rivers Conservancy did not encounter conflict in the project. Please see the section entitled “Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders” for a description of our partners’ roles in the project.

## **6. Capacity-Building**

SNC is interested in both the capacity of your organization, as well as local and regional capacity. Please describe the overall health of your organization including areas in need of assistance. SNC is interested in the strength and involvement of your board, significant changes to your staff, size and involvement of membership. In addition, describe how your project improved capabilities of partners, or the larger community.

WRC has several exciting new projects throughout the West. We are making strong progress on our ecosystem-level effort to protect the most important cold-water tributary to California’s lower Klamath River, having permanently protected 30,726 acres of the 47,097-acre project area to date. In 2012, two California Board members were elected to our Board of Directors: Peter Moyle (Associate Director, Center for Watershed Sciences, UC Davis) and Henry Little (Partner, Applied Conservation). WRC has increased the number of individual supporters by 2%, from 840 in FY12 to 854 in FY13. This broader base of support will advance our riverland conservation efforts in northern California and across the West.

The Deer Creek-Mill Creek project has also enhanced the capacity of the Northern California Regional Land Trust to own and steward fee title lands. Prior to acquiring the Lower Deer Creek Falls parcel, the vast majority of properties the land trust had preserved were conservation easement lands.

## **7. Challenges**

Did the project face internal or external challenges? How were they addressed? Describe each challenge and any actions that you took to address it. Was there something that SNC



**SNC-approved Performance Measures:** (Please list each Performance Measure for your Project, as identified in your Grant Agreement, and the results/outcomes.)

Of the two proposed phases of the land conservation project, one was successfully completed. For the performance measure of "*Percent of Pre-Project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation,*" Western Rivers Conservancy completed 73% of the deliverables and 27% of the deliverables are in process or ongoing beyond the SNC grant period.

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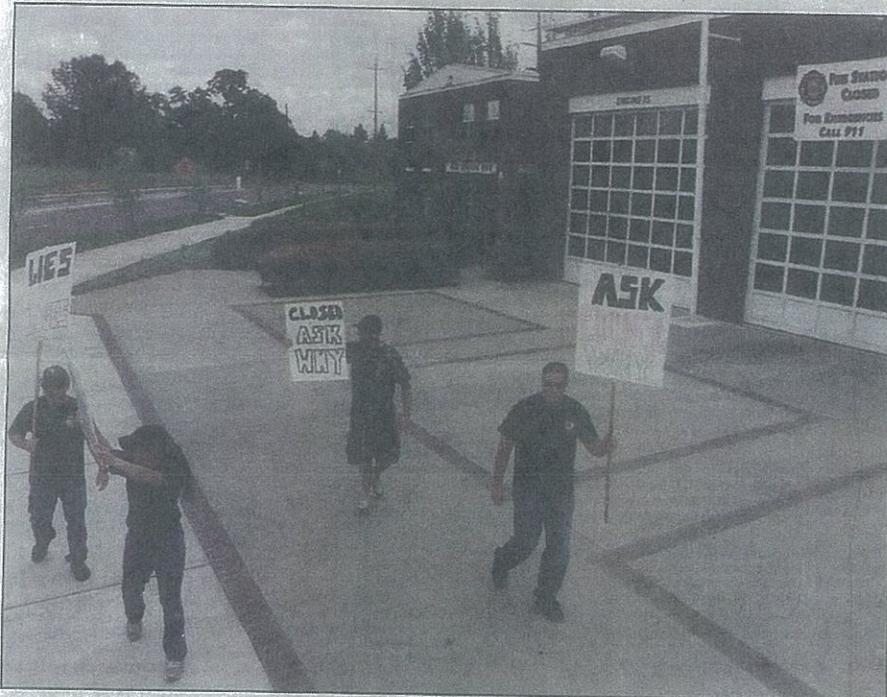
# ENTERPRISE RECORD

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## Standing up for the station



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Chico Fire Department personnel Capt. Dave Main, Karen Brose, Travis Eagan and Vince Gama (left to right) picket on Thursday in front of Station 5, which was closed Sunday due to budget cuts. Fire crews also have been handing out fliers to residents in the station's response area informing them of the closure and encouraging them to contact the Chico City Council. City Manager Dave Burkland directed the fire department to drop overtime costs by \$95,000 before July to make up for a \$900,000 citywide budget shortfall in this fiscal year. Fire Chief Jim Beery said he aims to reopen Station 5 come July.

## Man found dead in river is identified

By BARBARA ARRIGONI  
Staff Writer

OROVILLE — A man reported missing more than a month ago was identified by the Butte County Sheriff's Office on Thursday as the man whose body was found floating in the Feather River near Gridley Wednesday morning.

The man was identified as Wayne Harrison, 42, of Gridley.

Harrison couldn't be identified initially, and investigators had to search missing-person reports for clues.

Thursday, Lt. Al Smith said in a press release that Harrison's family had reported him missing on March 22. He was last seen March 14.

Harrison's body was found by two Gridley men who were out on the river fishing. They spotted him floating in the water at the west bank of the river, about 75 yards south of the East Gridley Road Bridge. One of the fishermen called 9-1-1.

Authorities emphasized Wednesday the body was not that of Mitch Padula, a 28-year-old Chico student who was swept over Feather Falls last weekend and is presumed dead.

■ See IDENTIFIED, 9A

## Land trust takes title to critical parcel on Deer Creek

By STEVE SCHOONOVER  
City Editor

Six-hundred acres around Lower Deer Creek Falls in eastern Tehama County have become the property of a land trust, securing a 30-mile stretch of the creek from development.

In addition, the Lassen National Forest has been allocated \$1.5 million for additional land purchases nearby in Mill Creek Canyon.

The purchases will help close a gap between two currently separated parts of the Lassen Forest. The area, a bit over 30 miles northeast of Chico, is a checkerboard of public land and private property owned mostly by lumber firm Sierra Pacific

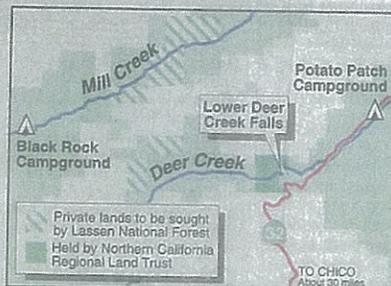
Industries.

The section around Lower Deer Creek Falls was a critical piece, as it was one of the last parcels of private land on the creek itself for the 30 miles downstream from Elam Campground off Highway 32.

All but about five miles of that stretch provides spawning grounds for rare Central Valley spring-run chinook salmon. Deer Creek is one of just a half-dozen creeks used by the fish.

The falls are a couple of miles downstream from the westernmost Highway 32 bridge. The falls drop about 15 feet, but a fish ladder has

■ See PARCEL, 9A



Steve Schoonover/Enterprise-Record

This Map of part of Eastern Tehama County shows Lassen National Forest lands in light green, and private property, most of it owned by Sierra Pacific Industries, in white. Also shown is a parcel recently transferred to the Northern California Regional Land Trust, and SPL lands to be pursued by the Lassen Forest with a recent \$1.5 million allocation.

## Snake season

Warmer weather brings rattlers out; here's how to avoid being bitten

By BARBARA ARRIGONI  
Staff Writer

OROVILLE — As the days get warmer and thoughts turn toward spending time outdoors, there is one danger officials at the state Department of Fish and Game want people to be aware of: rattlesnakes.

Rattlesnakes are ven-

## PARCEL: Falls

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been built there to allow salmon to pass.

The salmon, listed as threatened, spend the summer in deep, cool pools along the creek before spawning in fall.

The purchase was made possible by allocation of \$1.1 million in November by the California Wildlife Conservation Board to the Western Rivers Conservancy, which had obtained the land from SPI.

That allowed Western Rivers to transfer title to the Northern California Regional Land Trust. Jamison Watts, the trust's executive director, said in a press release that the group "will manage the land as a protected waterway for fish, wildlife and people."

"With no dams and little development, Deer Creek is a rare treasure in the Northern Sierra Nevada," said Sue Doroff, Western Rivers Conservancy's executive vice president, in that press release.

"It is one of the most productive fisheries in the Sacramento River system, and by conserving it, we are helping to ensure the health of the area's spring chinook and steelhead," she added.

Western Rivers is coordinating purchase of another 2,700 acres in the area that SPI has indicated it is willing to sell.

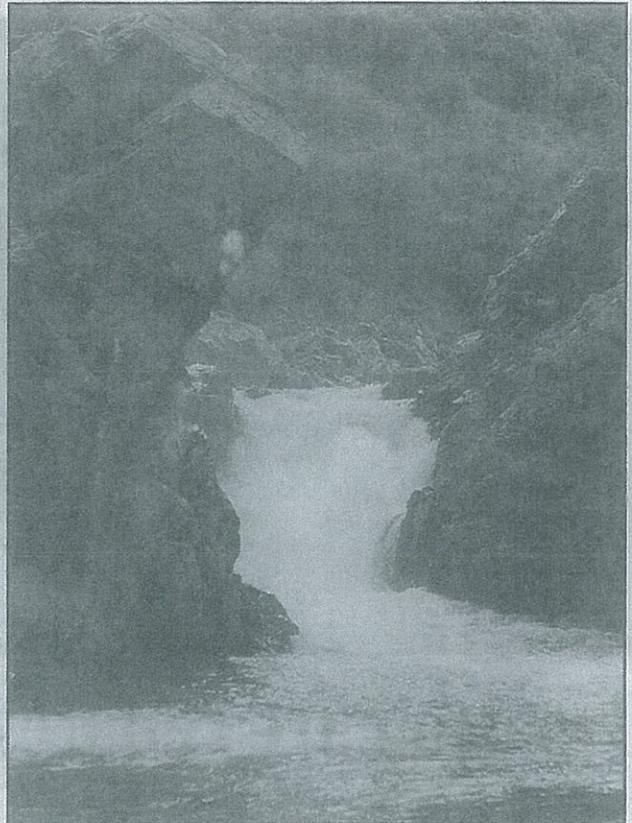
And with the \$1.5 million allocation to the Lassen Forest by the Department of Agriculture, more of that land should be obtained.

Lassen Forest public services staff officer Chris O'Brien indicated the Lower Deer Creek Falls parcel had been the top priority for that money, but that there was a list of several parcels the money could be used for.

With the falls property preserved, he indicated the forest would shift the funds to purchasing other critical parcels along Mill Creek. It's another stream in which spring-run chinook salmon spawn.

"Protecting the creeks for the people is the point of this," O'Brien said. "It doesn't matter if the Land Trust or the Forest Service holds the title."

The grant to the Lassen Forest was part of \$40.6 mil-



Steve Schoonover/Staff File Photo

**Lower Deer Creek Falls drops about 15 feet in the craggy bottom of Deer Creek Canyon, downstream from the westernmost Highway 32 bridge. The Northern California Regional Land Trust has taken title to the property surrounding the falls.**

lion distributed nationwide earlier this month from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a repository of royalty payments from offshore oil and gas drilling.

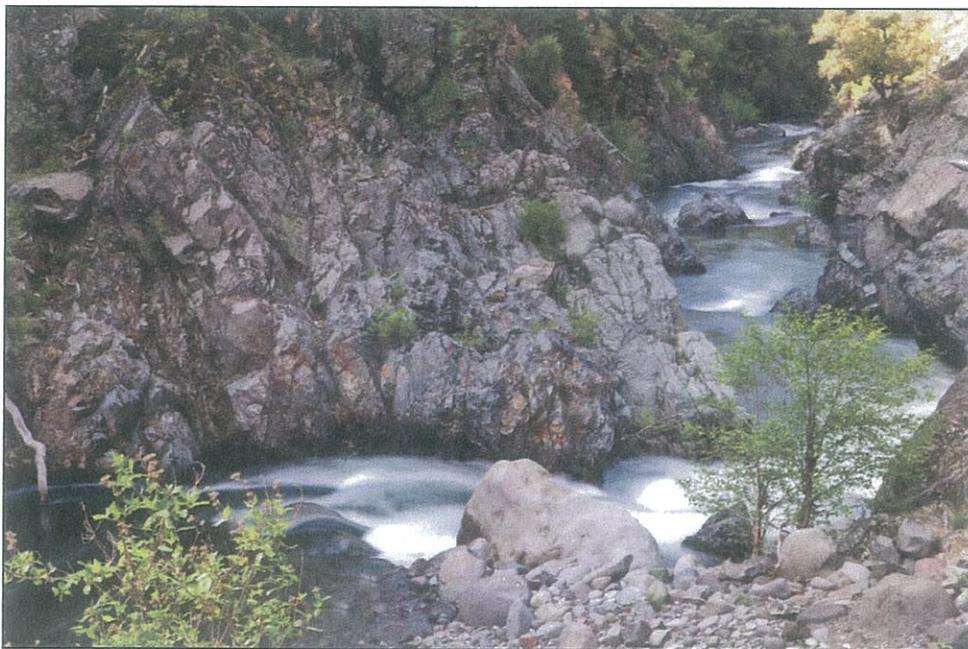
California received about \$8 million, which will also fund land purchases in the Six Rivers, Shasta-Trinity, Tahoe, Eldorado and San Bernardino national forests.

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# MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Lower Deer Creek Falls Property Tehama County, CA

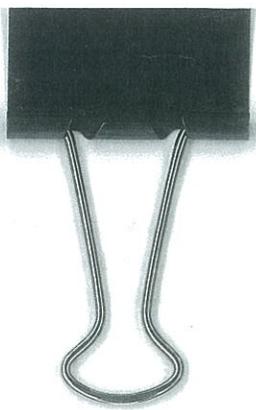
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**Mill Creek Property Appraisal**

A Self-Contained Appraisal of 2,385  
Acres of Timberland, Owned By  
Sierra Pacific Industries, and  
Located in Tehama County, California

Job No. TBR-1/13-789

Contract No. AG-04H1-C-11-0005

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