

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

STREAM SURVEY

FILE FORM

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NAME..... RICE CREEK.....COUNTY..... Mendocino.....
 STREAM SECTION.....FROM..... mouth.....TO..... branch of east and south fork.....LENGTH.....
 TRIBUTARY TO..... Rice Creek at Big River.....Twp..... 17N.....R..... 14W.....Sec..... 34.....
 OTHER NAMES..... none Known.....RIVER SYSTEM..... Big River.....
 SOURCES OF DATA..... personal observation.....

- EXTENT OF OBSERVATION
- Include Name of Surveyor, Date, Etc.
- LOCATION
- RELATION TO OTHER WATERS
- GENERAL DESCRIPTION
- Watershed
- Immediate Drainage Basin
- Altitude (Range)
- Gradient
- Width
- Depth
- Flow (Range)
- Velocity
- Bottom
- Spawning Areas
- Pools
- Shelter
- Barriers
- Diversions
- Temperatures
- Food
- Aquatic Plants
- Winter Conditions
- Pollution
- Springs
- FISHES PRESENT AND SUCCESS
- OTHER VERTEBRATES
- FISHING INTENSITY
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- GENERAL ESTIMATE
- RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT
- SKETCH MAP
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EXTENT OF OBSERVATION - LOCATION - RELATION TO OTHER WATERS-
 GENERAL DESCRIPTION - will be found in other reports on Rice Creek
 by S. N. Nye and J. Morehouse.
 Gradient - Shallow in lower half, becoming moderate in upper half.
 Width - Average 3 ft.
 Depth - " 2 in. - (1 in. to 3 in.).
 Flow - " .15 cfs (.13 to .17 cfs).
 Velocity - Rapid throughout.
 Bottom - The lower section has a bottom consisting of gravel, rubble
 sand and silt. The remaining upper section exhibit a bottom of silt.
 Spawning areas - Fair in lower section, poor to non-existent in
 the upper section.
 Pools - Poor development in lower section (2 ft. x 4 ft. x 6 in.
 to 4 ft. x 7 ft. x 2 in.). Average - 2 ft. x 5 ft. x 1 foot.
 Shelter - The lower section is open with no shelter. The middle and
 upper section is covered with riparian growth and logging debris.
 Barriers - See attached.
 Diversion - None observed.
 Temperatures - Average 71° (70 - 71). Air temp. 70° C.
 Food - Appears to be common.
 Aquatic Plants - Heavy growth of algae and other aquatic plants.
 Winter Conditions - Considered to be mild with normal fluctuating winter runoff.
 Pollution - Logging damage observed.
 Springs - Common to uncommon.
 FISHES PRESENT AND SUCCESS - No fish life observed therefore apparently there
 is no success.
 OTHER VERTEBRATES - Frogs, lizards, squirrels, chipmunks, cows, deer, abundant.
 Snakes uncommon.
 FISHING INTENSITY - none.
 OTHER RECREATIONAL USE - Unknown.
 ACCESSIBILITY - See other Rice Creek report.
 OWNERSHIP " " " " "
 POSTED OR OPEN " " " " "
 IMPROVEMENTS " " " " "
 PAST STOCKING- - Unknown
 GENERAL ESTIMATE - the lower section of Rice Creek appears to exhibit suitable
 spawning conditions. The upper section of the stream is similar to conditions
 listed in other report.
 RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT - Log jams should be removed in the lower section of the
 stream.
 SKETCH MAP- See attached.
 REFERENCES AND MAPS - South half of Mendocino Co. Calif. Div. of Forestry 1948.

RICE CREEK (Lower)

From the mouth on up to the Slide blocking the road; distance of .8 miles. Some slash - fallen logs and debris are scattered throughout the stream bed, There is considerable slides in the area as a direct result of poor logging practices.

1. Log jam and barrier - just above 1st bridge crossing - log and dirt - 100 ft long 30 ft wide 6 ft high - 99% void bed drop 6 ft - silted in.
2. Log jam and barrier - at second bridge crossing - log dirt - silted in 40 ft long 20 ft wide 5 ft high - 70% void area - bed drop 5 ft.
3. On up from #2 could be classed as intermittent to continuous, jams, fallen logs, slash and debris (barriers) in the streams One long log jam x 20 ft wide 5 ft high - 99.9% void.
4. Located .8 mile up from mouth - blocking the road.
5. A large log jam and slide silted in-by the 3rd bridge, over stream - 200 yards above #4. Barrier. 75 ft long 20 ft wide 8 ft high -75% void - bed drop 6ft.

Rice Creek

(Mouth to E. fork - "y" to "z"
distance = 1.4 mi.)

