

February 11, 2010

Forest Supervisor Tom Contreras
Mendocino National Forest
825 Humboldt Avenue
Willows, California 95988

Re: extirpated listed chinook & steelhead on upper reaches of Stony Creek & tributaries

Dear Mr. Contreras,

On 10/01/2009 I filed a Protest with the State Water Resources Control Board to Reclamation's Ap. 18115 Petition for Extension. Relevant documents are collected on my <http://www.mjbarkl.com/wars.htm> Web Page under "VI. RELATED CASES" "Ap. A 18115 - see Black Butte" "Protest" and "related Motion". Traditional resistance & bias from the SWRCB has resulted but the process continues. As the settlement terms in Section "V." (five) of the Supplement show (<http://www.mjbarkl.com/p2.pdf>) , I seek restoration of extirpated listed Chinook and Steelhead to the Upper Stony Creek Watershed through , among other things, bypass canals around the relatively easily bypassed barriers of Black Butte Dam and Stony Gorge Dam and all the little dams.

As I scan the various Northwest Forest Plan documents (EIS, FEIS, SEIS, RODs, MOUs etc.) I see you are required to keep the Mendocino Plan up to date for events affecting listed species within your forest. As I see it my filings trigger a requirement under those various Plan documents (and especially under the 2003 changes to the Northwest Forest Plan and the The Aquatic Conservation Strategy) for you to initiate a Section 7 consultation with NMFS for the proposed restoration of extirpated listed chinook and steelhead to Grindstone Creek and the forks of Big Stony Creek, and in support of that begin to plan reductions in OHV use and timber harvesting to the extent they may tend to adversely impact spawning gravels.

Please start that process. FYI, I have been collecting references to salmon on Stony Creek at <http://www.mjbarkl.com/salmon.htm> .

Thank you.

Michael J. Barkley

cc: SWRCB, & Bob Colella, Reclamation