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Shasta-Trinity Acquires South Fork Trinity River Property

REDDING, Calif. – The Shasta-Trinity National Forest has added a 160-acre parcel of land on the South Fork of the Trinity River. This pristine Coho salmon habitat was purchased from Western Rivers Conservancy using Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) funds. The Conservancy rehabilitated the site by removing five structures and a well before completing the transaction with the Forest. The land is located approximately eight miles northwest of Forest Glen off State Route 36.

“Western Rivers did a magnificent job of cleaning up the property before we finalized the transaction,” Kathy Valenzuela, a Forest Service forester and realty specialist working on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, said. “It’s a beautiful location, quiet and peaceful near the river, and they returned it to pristine condition.”

“We want to thank the Shasta-Trinity National Forest for all their help in conserving this beautiful river ecosystem, a celebrated tributary of the Klamath river that has an abundance of native steelhead, Chinook and Coho salmon,” Sue Doroff, vice president of Western Rivers Conservancy, said. “We enjoy a great partnership with the Forest, and we also worked closely with the community and Trinity County in a collaborative effort to get this accomplished.”

Western Rivers Conservancy is an independent non-profit organization that protects outstanding river ecosystems in the western United States. They acquire land to conserve critical habitat, provide public access for compatible use and enjoyment, and cooperate with other agencies and organizations to secure the health of whole ecosystems. Founded in 1988, Western Rivers Conservancy is the Nation's only conservation program dedicated solely to the protection of riverlands.

FLTFA, also commonly referred to as the “Baca Act,” was passed by Congress and signed into law on July 25, 2000. FLTFA directs revenues generated from sale or disposal of certain public lands to an acquisition account. The account can be used by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase lands located within federally designated areas from willing sellers.

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