

Funding Update 12-2014

RE: Eagle Lake

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Val,

I'll give you an update on where things are right now with field work. We were out in the field in November doing a trend analysis of the Pine Creek watershed to determine where there are problematic sections of the creek that are no longer functioning properly. We have field work scheduled for January-March (weather dependent) to get out and survey the conditions of every meadow in the drainage and score them based on their condition. We will then spend some office time doing data input and analysis that will help paint a picture of habitat and "how things are working, or not working" in the watershed. Once Pine Creek starts flowing - and I pray that it does this year - we will get a team in to look at the physical characteristics of the channel and determine how well the current habitat can support all life stages of Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout, and what recommendations could be made to improve these.

We are also studying the bugs collected from last year's field work at a lab at UCSB, which will help CDFW make the case for a chemical treatment of Pine Creek in the coming years to remove all Brook trout.

Good stuff is happening with your support!

-DL

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