

**Fall River Mills, Fall River Valley, Hat Creek, and Lake Britton
Planning Unit Public Information Meeting
Burney VFW Hall - Burney, CA
October 29, 2009 - 3:00 to 6:00pm**

A public information meeting for the Fall River Mills, Fall River Valley, Hat Creek, and Lake Britton Planning Units was hosted by the Stewardship Council on October 29, 2009 at the Burney VFW Hall in Burney, California. A total of 33 people attended and participated in the meeting, representing a wide variety of interests, including local and federal governments; community organizations, and community members. The primary purpose of this meeting was to solicit public input on the development of the Land Conservation and Conveyance Plans (LCCP) to preserve and enhance the Fall River Mills, Fall River Valley, Hat Creek, and Lake Britton Planning Units. The Stewardship Council will consider all public input.

During the meeting, participants were invited to provide comments at the four planning unit stations, focusing on two topics: the potential priority measures proposed for the above listed planning units, and important qualifications of future land owners and conservation easement holders. The notes were recorded on flip-charts and are provided below.

Fall River Mills

General comments/potential priority measures to preserve and enhance the BPVs

- Close vehicular access to east side of Fall River Lake
- Develop trails along the east side of Fall River Lake
- Develop a hiking trail along the Pit River to the Pit River Falls
- Develop a trail all the way from Fall River Mills to the Pit 1 Powerhouse – beautiful habitat
- Noxious weed control is critical
- Enhancing habitat for wildlife and birds is important
- Maintain existing Lion's Club day use on the Pit River
- Maintain Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club in present location (several comments)

Important qualifications of future landowners and conservation easement holders

- Future donees should have local interest and local knowledge
- Experience with noxious weed management is important
- Interest in acting as “sound board” for local community (i.e. access, tribal, weeds, ranchers, economic)

Fall River Valley

General comments/potential priority measures to preserve and enhance the BPVs

- Installation of boat launching facility on Fall River
- Controlled public access along Fall River
- River access should be car-top boats only - sensitive environmental reach of river (several comments)

Important qualifications of future landowners and conservation easement holders

- Easement holders should have prompt communication with fee holders regarding potential issues or violations

Hat Creek

General comments/potential priority measures to preserve and enhance the BPVs

- Access critical and multiple use, not just fishermen, more access to river via trails – also for water-craft (kayak and canoe)
- Rules of conduct to protect property owners should be employed
- Trails should be safe for non-vehicle users
- Keep pristine areas same – don't start putting mule rides through these areas (eg. southernmost parcels)
- Open space critical for the integrity of the area

Important qualifications of future landowners and conservation easement holders

- Local control
- Tribal for cultural preservation

Lake Britton

General comments/potential priority measures to preserve and enhance the BPVs

- How will the conservation easement address rights not owned by PG&E (i.e. timber/minerals)?

Important qualifications of future landowners and conservation easement holders

- Experience managing easements
- Expertise in resource management (timber, minerals, grazing) and grazing as a management tool
- Financial resources, staying power to do job
- Ability to cooperate with multiple stakeholders