

## Foundation for Salmon Park

***A Settlement Agreement resulting from past PG&E bankruptcy proceedings has lead to their signing a Conservation Easement that dedicates the 5500 acres they own surrounding the PVP to conservation, recreation and restoration. Regardless of who ultimately takes ownership of the PVP, the easement runs with the land so restoration of Eel River salmon habitat will remain a compatible use. Salmon habitat within the PVP needs to be restored whether dams remain in or come out, but improvement is even more imperative if dams remain.***

***The Mendocino National Forest (MNF) has as part of its mission to provide recreational opportunities. Access to public land and places to bike, walk and swim are in short supply in Mendocino County. An Upper Eel Salmon Park would meet that need and also draw weekend outdoor enthusiasts from the Bay Area, helping stimulate the local economy.***

***The Potter Valley Indian Tribe and upper Eel River resort owners favor this project. A budget augmentation for MNF would be needed in order to develop recreational infrastructure and for staff to cover additional needs associated with the project.***

## Summer 2019 Field Trips



***ERRP has a grant from the Cereus Foundation to conduct field trips to the upper Eel River in the summer of 2019. Trips are planned for June 15 and August 17. For a ride from Willits in the Willits Goes Wild van, call Robin at (707) 459-0155. Depart Willits Hub 9 AM, depart Potter Valley Store 10 AM. Contact ERRP to let us know what you think of the Upper Eel River Salmon Parkway at (707) 223-7200. Check our website for more information or follow us on Facebook.***



## Support ERRP - Join Now!

***www.EelRiverRecovery.org or send a check to EERP, PO Box 214, Loleta, CA 95551***

***Individual - \$25, Family - \$35***

***Sustaining Member - \$100***



## Upper Eel River Salmon Parkway

- ***Hiking and Biking***
- ***Swimming***
- ***Salmon Habitat Restoration***
- ***Boating Opportunities***



***For more information call:  
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# Potential for an Upper Eel River Salmon Parkway...

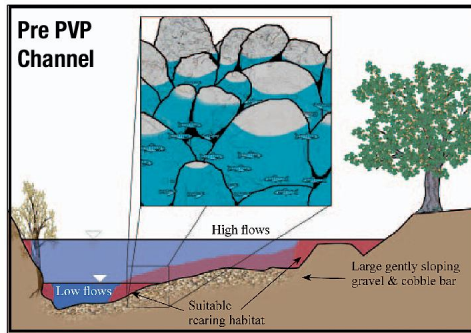
*The upper Eel River within the PVP has extraordinary scenic values, with old growth Douglas fir forests on north facing slopes and mixed oak woodlands, chaparral and grasslands on southern slopes. There are currently two road systems paralleling the upper Eel River; the better maintained county route to the north and the U.S. Forest*



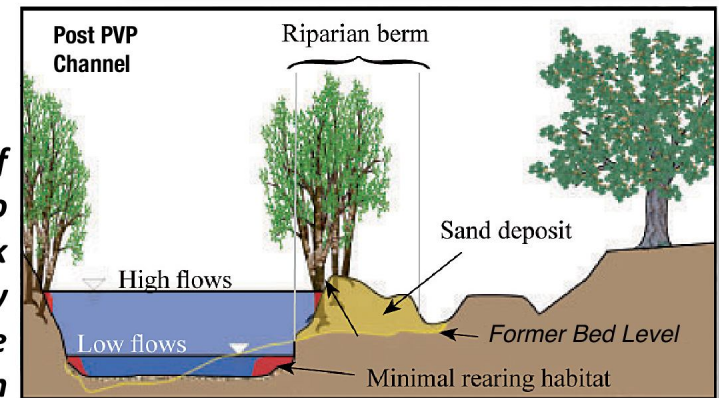
*Service road on the south side that is nearer the river. This road could be converted to a trail for hiking and bicycling. Salmon habitat improvement projects would allow salmon viewing. An Upper Eel River Salmon Parkway! Boating and swimming would be other recreational options.*



## Why Salmon Habitat Needs to be Improved...



*Altered flow regimes associated with 100 years of operation of the Potter Valley Project has lead to poor spawning and rearing habitat for Chinook salmon, similar to problems identified on the Trinity River. River terraces were connected before perennial low flows allowed willows to encroach on the channel. The narrow corridor formed by riparian willow thickets isolates river terraces where spawning gravels are stored and does not allow juvenile Chinook salmon to select preferred velocity gradient for rearing.*



Graphics from Trinity Restoration Program (McBain & Trush 2002)

## Using Feather Edging to Restore Salmon Habitat...



*The Trinity River Restoration Program devised a method to reverse riparian encroachment caused by hydropower operations. They remove strips of willow from alternating sides of the river to reconnect the channel to the flood plain, which is called feather edging. Reconnecting the flood plain would supply spawning gravels to the channel and improve habitat for rearing juvenile Chinook salmon.*

