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COW-BATTLE CREEK WATERSHED			
Battle Creek Planning Unit			
<p>As a board member for Camp McCumber, our concern is the ongoing operations of the youth camp and its programs. The camp has been serving youth from organizations such as the YMCA and Lions International since 1953. The youth come to this rural area from Shasta and other surrounding counties. Our concern is that while a portion of the camp property lies within the FERC boundary (along the McCumber Reservoir), a portion of the property under lease from PG&E may be outside of the FERC boundary and subject to disposition. Some of our questions are:</p> <p>While we would not prefer the existing parcels to be split, is it under consideration for the Stewardship Council to divide parcels that have both FERC and non-FERC property?</p> <p>Is it possible to petition that PG&E keep the entire property the camp resides on (not for PG&E operations, but as to not divide a single use property just because a FERC boundary runs through it?)</p> <p>What does our organization need to do to help ensure our longevity?</p> <p>We have signed up for the donee registry as a possible precaution.</p>	David Little	No	<p>The Settlement Agreement and Stipulation allow PG&E to retain fee title to all lands that are considered "necessary" for current and future operations and maintenance of PG&E's licensed hydropower projects. These lands must be protected with a conservation easement, or some legal equivalent, to preserve and enhance the six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs), to be held by a third party. All other lands can be donated to a qualified public entity or non-profit organization, and protected with a conservation easement, or some legal equivalent, to preserve and enhance the six BPVs, to be held by a third party. As per the Stipulation, conservation easements must honor existing environmental and economic uses on the Watershed Lands, and existing legal agreements between PG&E and other parties. Parcels can be split, and such an action will be considered and evaluated during the disposition process. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>
<p>3rd Paragraph: BLM lands on lower Battle Creek in the western portion of the planning unit have been included in legislation introduced in Congress (S. 811, HR. 1241) to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area.</p>	Friends of the River	Yes	<p>Text has been added to the Existing Conditions describing the inclusion of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands around Coleman Forebay in legislation introduced to Congress to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area.</p>
<p>3rd Paragraph: <i>Whitewater use is likely minimal due to a lack of easy public access. The whitewater segment with the easiest access (Manton Road to the Coleman Hatchery) is well known. FOR members can provide pictures of their whitewater use of this segment.</i></p>	Friends of the River	No	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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<p>4th Paragraph: The BLM found 39.7 miles of the South Fork Battle Creek and the main stem of Battle Creek to be eligible for National Wild & Scenic River due to the stream's outstanding whitewater and primitive recreation values, scenic quality, fisheries, riparian vegetation, wildlife (bald eagle nesting sites), and cultural/historic values. By definition, these are nationally significant values that should be fully described and addressed in the LCP.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Existing Conditions text states: "Though a BLM Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Study found Battle Creek to be eligible for wild and scenic river status, no stretch of Battle Creek has been Federally-designated as Wild and Scenic." The focus of Volume II is to describe the six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs) identified in the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation that are to be preserved and enhanced vis a vis implementation of the LCP. Due to the small amount of planning unit lands that actually include the main stem Battle Creek or South Fork Battle Creek, a detailed description of the creek's outstanding values is not included.</p>
<p>Friends of the River recommends that PG&E lands available for disposal in this planning unit be allocated to the BLM to enhance existing public lands and expand public recreation access to segments of Battle Creek and the South Fork Battle Creek eligible for Wild & Scenic River status, and to increase public holdings within the proposed Sacramento River National Recreation Area.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified donees will be determined during the early stages of developing the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>
<p>I'm a resident near Lake McCumber and am concerned about the weed (moss) problems in the lake, as are many of my neighbors and other users of the lake. My question is, are these grasses considered "noxious weeds" as referred to in your Land Management Plan? Are there any plans to address this issue? Lake McCumber seems to be the only lake in the northern Battle Creek area that has this severe problem.</p>	<p>Kathy Rupp</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Noxious weeds include both land and aquatic weeds. For instance, in California hydrilla is listed as a noxious weed. To clarify this, text has been added to the description of the noxious weed management plan measure in the Supporting Analysis for Recommendations stating that the plan would include management of both terrestrial and aquatic weeds. Further investigation of the lake is needed to determine if the weed you mention is currently listed as a noxious weed in California.</p>
<p>A good description of the diverse natural resources of this planning unit.</p>	<p>Youth Program Supporters</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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Consider adding the need to involve youth in protection and restoration efforts. There is potential for a high adventure youth resident camp which should be included in the narrative describing outdoor recreation objectives.	Youth Program Supporters	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is committed to identifying synergies between the Land Conservation Program and the Youth Investment Program, to be determined on a planning unit by planning unit basis, as to what is appropriate in each area. This includes opportunities to utilize existing camps and facilities for youth programming. Details on how such activities might be incorporated into future use, management, and stewardship of the lands will occur during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.

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<p>Grazing should be continued as a desirable, compatible use in the North Battle Creek Reservoir area.</p>	<p>Youth Program Supporters</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Grazing use on PG&E lands at the reservoir was terminated by PG&E six years ago. There is grazing use on adjacent U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land that my cross onto PG&E land due to a lack of fencing. The Supporting Analysis for Recommendations states: "To protect sensitive resources, including a potential peat bog, fencing of planning unit lands may be needed to restrict adjacent grazing use from encroaching on planning unit lands at North Battle Creek Reservoir. However, a determination of grazing use on planning unit lands and its impacts (both positive and negative) on sensitive resources would need to be made prior to appropriate measures being taken. Any measures taken should be coordinated with the USFS and their grazing permittee."</p>
<p>North Battle Creek Reservoir and surrounding area is uniquely suited for use by youth as a "living laboratory" where their direct effort can contribute to their education and commitment to sustaining natural resources and understanding historic, compatible uses of natural lands. A high adventure youth resident camp should be an option for this area.</p>	<p>Youth Program Supporters</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is committed to identifying synergies between the Land Conservation Program and the Youth Investment Program, to be determined on a planning unit by planning unit basis, as to what is appropriate in each area. This includes opportunities to utilize existing camps and facilities for youth programming. Details on how such activities might be incorporated into future use, management, and stewardship of the lands will occur during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>

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Outdoor recreation should include the use for challenging outdoor activities such as hiking, climbing, and observation of nature in the North Battle Creek Reservoir.	Youth Program Supporters	No	The Stewardship Council has not developed any potential measures that would prohibit these uses at North Battle Creek Reservoir. Recreation use within the FERC boundary at the reservoir is guided by the Recreational Use Plan. The Stewardship Council has recommended a potential measure to develop a recreation management plan for lands outside the FERC boundary, as well as inventorying recreation use on planning unit lands and evaluating the need/demand for additional facilities. Both potential measures would address any additional facilities or management needed for hiking, climbing, or nature observation at the reservoir outside of the FERC boundary.
Stewardship Council recommendations should include the objective of long-term restoration of natural ecological processes while maintaining historic uses including vegetation management. The North Battle Creek Reservoir area has high potential for direct involvement of youth and interested adult organizations in maintaining and enhancing resource values while continuing historic uses.	Youth Program Supporters	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is committed to identifying synergies between the Land Conservation Program and the Youth Investment Program, to be determined on a planning unit by planning unit basis, as to what is appropriate in each area. Details on wildlife and habitat management goals and objectives would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop wildlife and habitat management plans. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.
Sustainable forestry should include the opportunity for youth to have direct involvement with restoration and management of sustainable landscapes.	Youth Program Supporters	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is committed to identifying synergies between the Land Conservation Program and the Youth Investment Program, to be determined on a planning unit by planning unit basis, as to what is appropriate in each area. Details on timber management and forestry practices and opportunities would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.

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<p>Timber management is described as sustainable and compatible with recreation in the area. Reforestation and timber stand improvement should be emphasized in future years. Carbon sequestration should be dropped from the description as requirements have not be standardized leading to potentially misleading claims of environmental benefits.</p>	<p>Youth Program Supporters</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Details on timber management and forestry practices and opportunities would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. Carbon sequestration is mentioned in relation to the description of current management of timber resources as described by PG&E.</p>