

Feather River Watershed

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Deer Creek Planning Unit			
2nd Paragraph: The Forest Service recommended to Congress in 1992 that Deer Creek be added to the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.	Friends of the River	Yes	Volume II Existing Conditions text has been revised to state that the Forest Service has recommended federal Wild and Scenic designation for Deer Creek, as contained in the 1992 Lassen National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP).
2nd Paragraph: The PG&E parcel is directly adjacent to the Forest Service inventoried Polk Springs Roadless Area, which has been included in legislation in Congress (S. 493, HR. 860) sponsored by Senator Barbara Boxer and Representative Hilda Solis as the Ishi Additions Wilderness Study Area. In addition, the Polk Springs Roadless Area is proposed for protection under President Bush's roadless rule and is included in the roadless lands that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed for protection. So it is true that wilderness advocates have proposed protection for the area, but so have several nationally prominent elected officials.	Friends of the River	Yes	Text has been revised to include information on new legislation to expand the Ishi Wilderness.
Friends of the River recommends that the parcel be allocated to the Forest Service to be managed in conjunction with the adjacent wilderness, roadless area, and proposed Wild & Scenic River.	Friends of the River	No	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.

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<p>Most of the parcel is well within the critical and sensitive riparian zone for Deer Creek. Upland timbered areas have shallow rocky soils generally unsuitable for timber management. Any timber management in this parcel should be subordinate to the protection of fish and wildlife habitat and water quality.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, PG&E must protect the Watershed Lands with perpetual conservation easements, or some equivalent legal mechanism, to preserve and enhance six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs) of which sustainable forestry is included. The Stewardship Council has made every effort to identify opportunities to enhance multiple BPVs in each planning unit without adversely impacting others. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the recommended forest management plan for this planning unit. 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.</p>