

Yuba-Bear River Watershed

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| Bear River Planning Unit | | | |
| <p>Bear Valley Meadow and vicinity (Bear River Planning Unit) The open space easement should include the entire meadow and the bordering forest. The meadow south of Highway 20 should be kept free of structures. Parking areas should be barricaded to prevent vehicular entry into the meadow.</p> | John K Moore, Sierra Club | No | Comment noted. Conservation easements, or an equivalent legal mechanism, will be placed over all lands within the planning unit. Conservation easement language regarding open space and prohibited uses will be developed during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). |
| <p>Recent efforts to restore and enhance the fishery of the Bear River in the meadow should be continued.</p> | John K Moore, Sierra Club | No | Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has included supporting efforts to restore meadow and riparian areas of Bear Valley in coordination with interested stakeholders. |
| <p>The easement should provide for public rights-of-way on existing trails and along the banks of the Bear River.</p> | John K Moore, Sierra Club | No | Comment noted. Conservation easements, or an equivalent legal mechanism, will be placed over all lands within the planning unit. Conservation easement language regarding public access will be developed during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). |
| <p>The forests in the viewshed of the Bear Valley meadow should be managed as an uneven-aged forest with very limited harvesting of trees for sanitation, salvage, and watershed protection. The aesthetic, wildlife, and watershed protection values of the forests in the viewshed are far more significant than their timber values.</p> | John K Moore, Sierra Club | No | Comment noted. Details on timber management and harvesting prescriptions would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan for each particular 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>We support the continued prohibition of grazing in the meadow.</p> | John K Moore, Sierra Club | No | Comment noted. |