

May 16, 1990

Mr. Jake Markowitsch
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Dear Mr. Markowitsch:


This is in regard to the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP project) of Mark Gary (87/88-I-Men 638) on Jack Smith Creek, Mendocino County.

We recently completed an on-site investigation of the subject CFIP project with Mark Gary and are pleased to report the barrier removal work funded under your program has been completed. It was encouraging to note that Mr. Gary left some wood material in the stream to provide fish cover and habitat. We believe he did an exemplary job.

You may also be interested in the rest of the story. As part of a timber harvest in the headwaters, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (LP) voluntarily removed an additional number of barriers and late last winter, in cooperation with the Cloverdale CASTERS and the Department, planted a number of adult steelhead in Jack Smith Creek for spawning purposes. The fish were from Russian River stock and were relocated to restore fish runs lost because of the barriers. The LP biologist recently indicated the fish spawned successfully.

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you, your department and the others who played an important role in restoration of Jack Smith Creek and its steelhead resource.

Sincerely,


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