

**Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center
Water Right Application**

Attachment No. 8 – Archaeology (#20)

The project at Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center is included in the programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) prepared by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. The MND covers archaeological surveys. Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (one of the project partners) is coordinating with the botanical and archeological survey crews contracted through Humboldt State University (HSU) and expects to hear from HSU about scheduling their crews for this project in the next month.

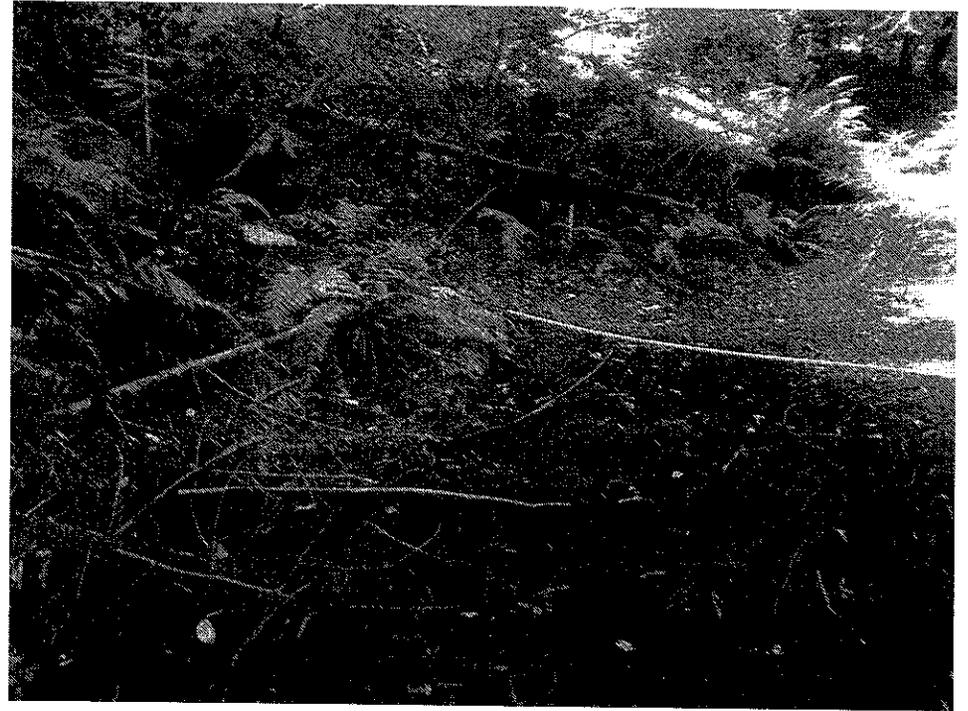
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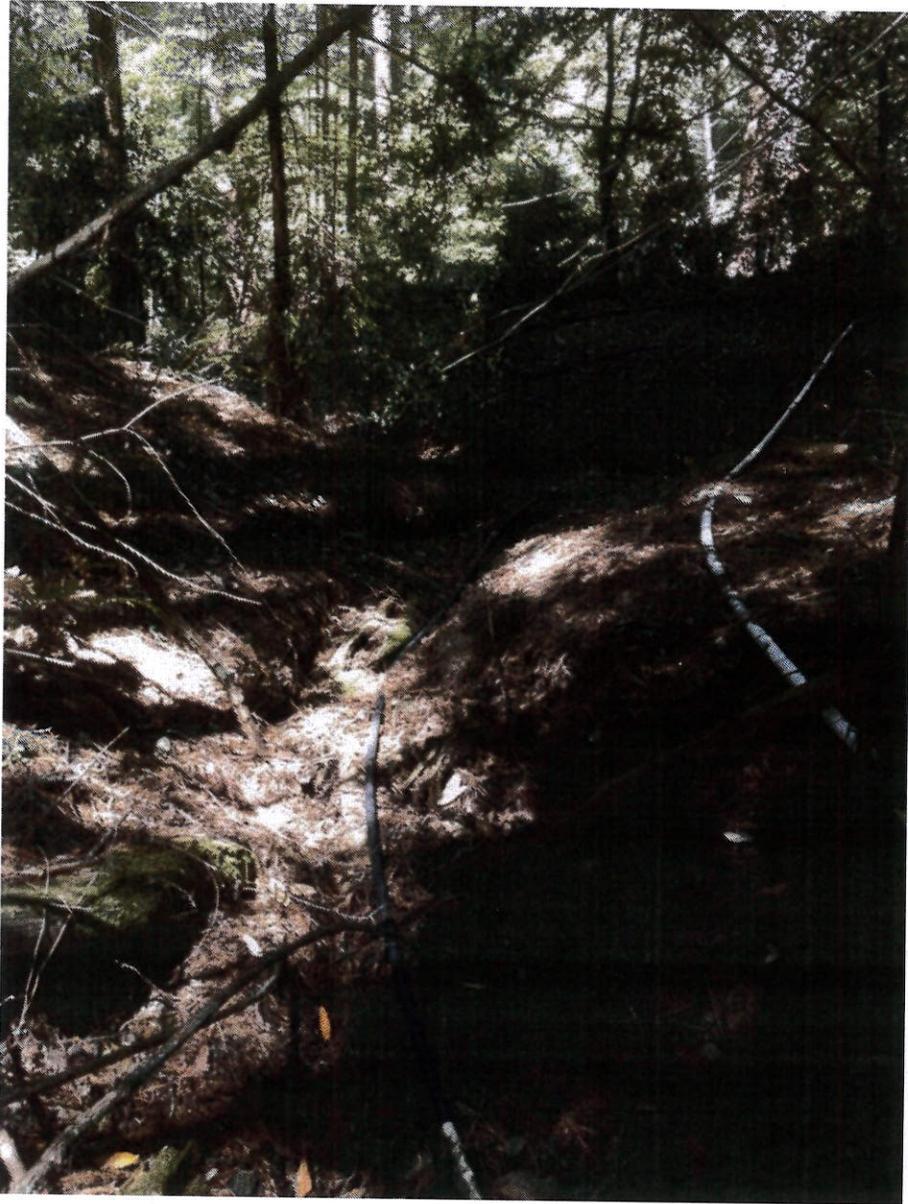
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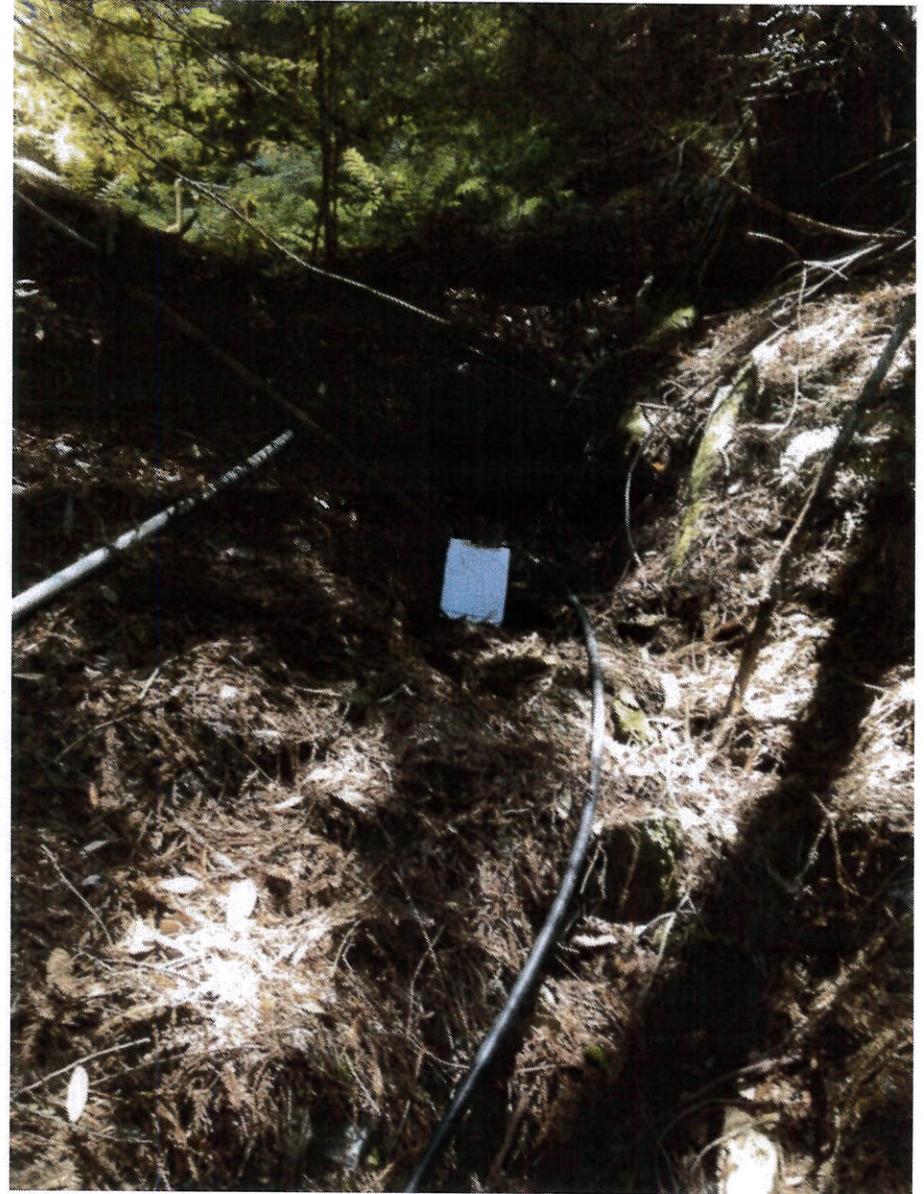


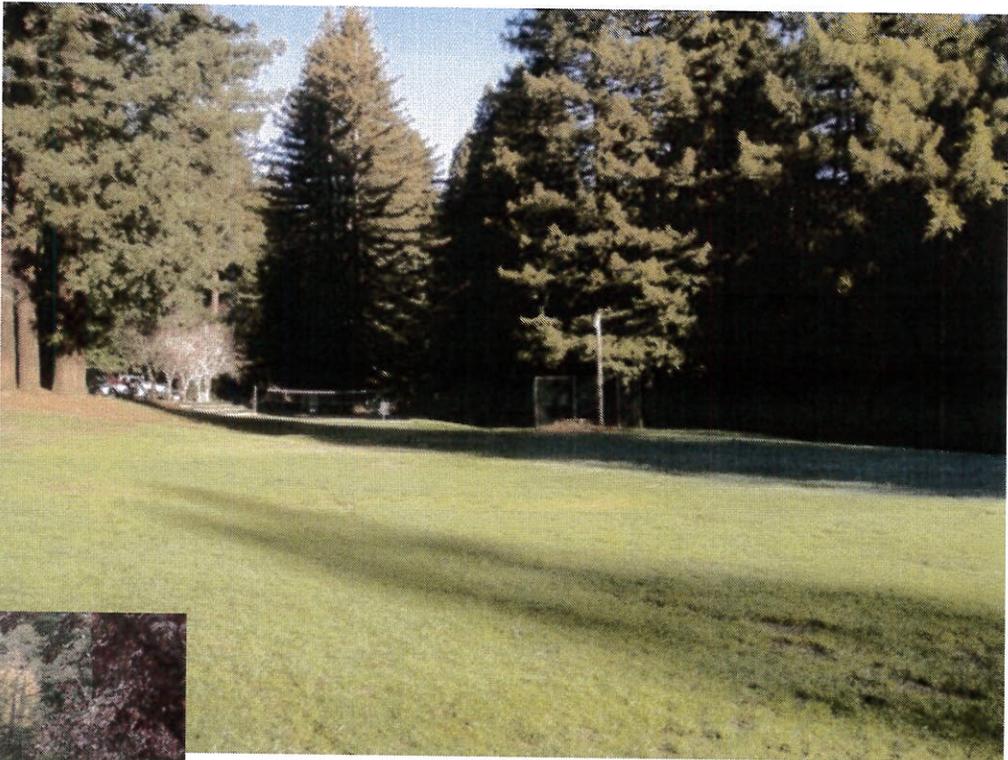


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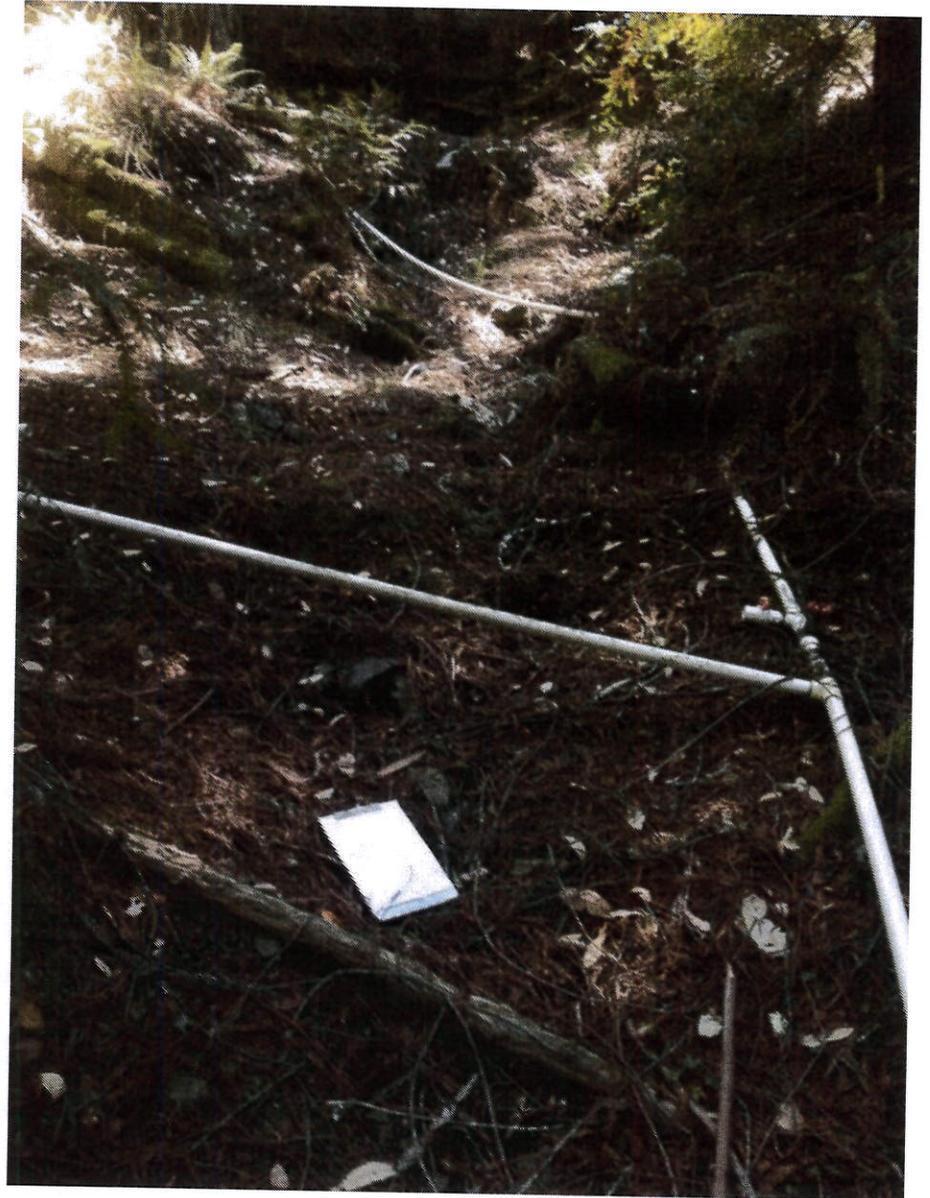




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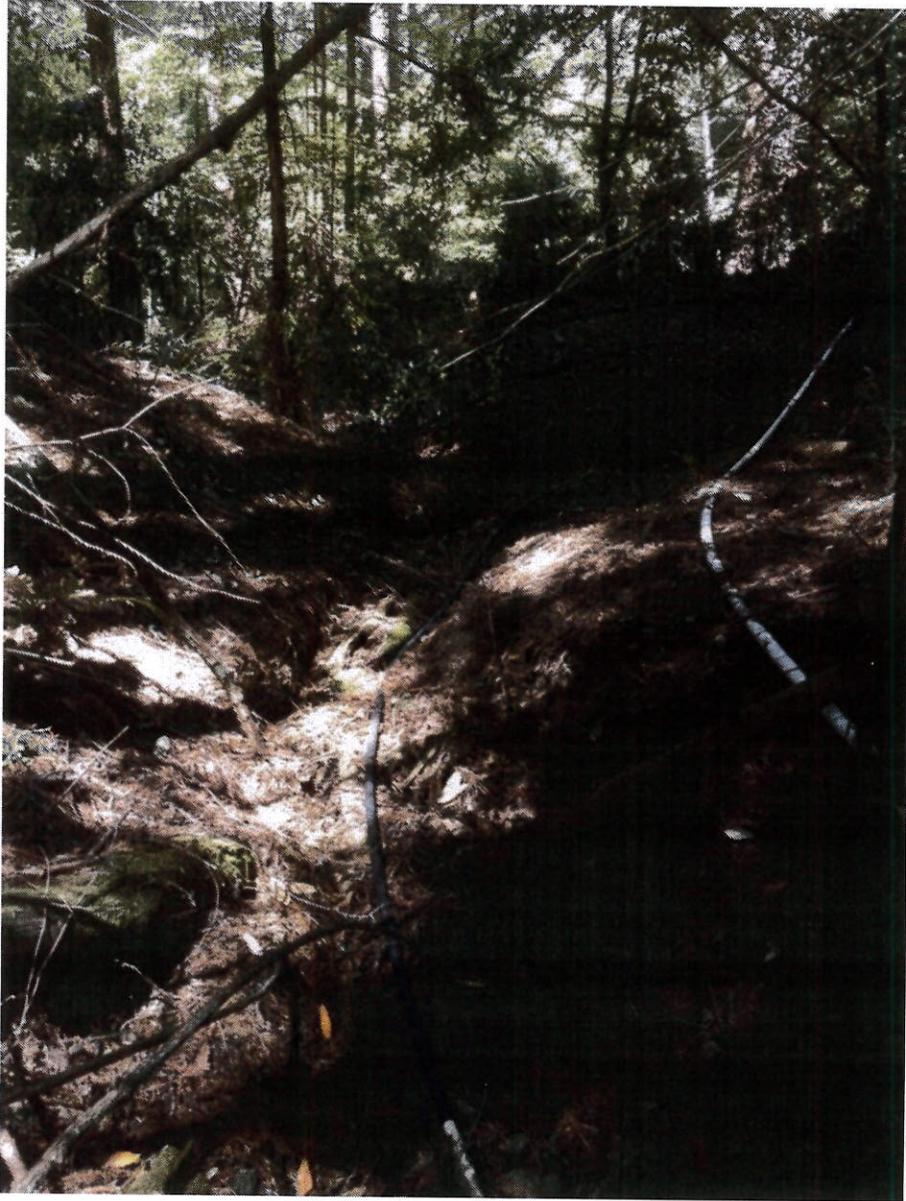






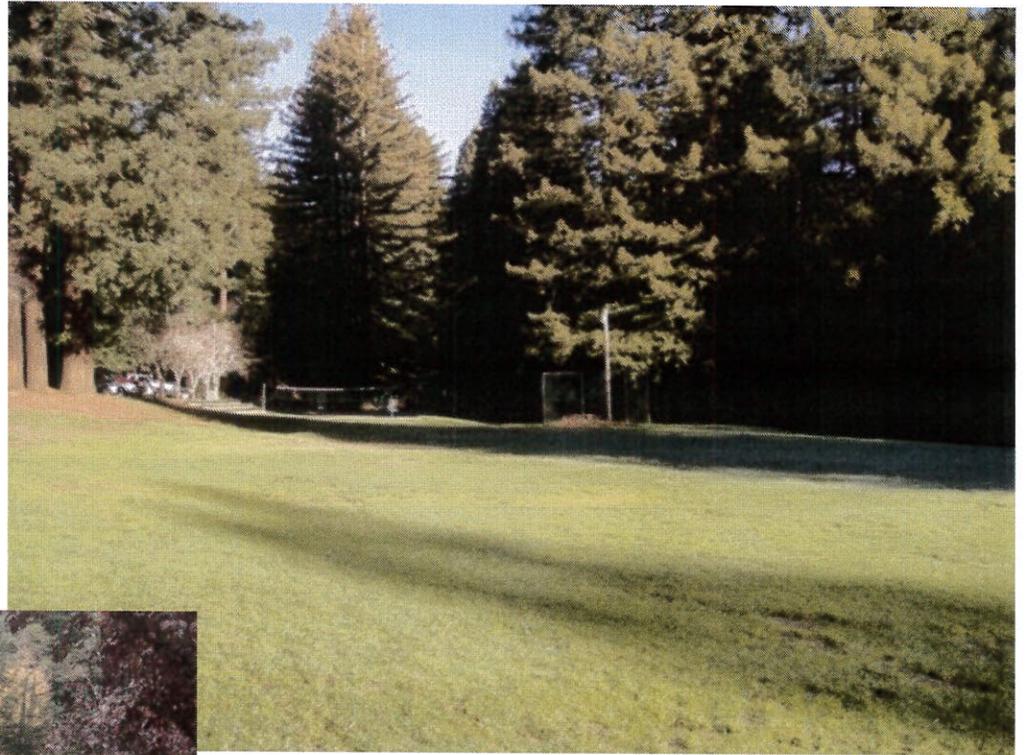
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Place of Use



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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February 27, 2015

Ms. Barbara Evoy
Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights,
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Deputy Director Evoy:

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Restoration Center, I am writing to express my support for Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center's proposed project and for the water right application and petition for change that will enable that project to occur.

The project will enhance critical instream flow for coho salmon and steelhead in the Dutch Bill Creek watershed. It was designed in consultation with NMFS and in cooperation with the Russian River Coho Water Resources Partnership. (NOAA sits on the Partnership's Technical Advisory Committee.) The project supports multiple action steps identified in the Final Recovery Plan for Central California Coast Coho Salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit (NMFS 2012), including RR-CCC-25.1.1.2 (Promoting water conservation) and RR-CCC-25.1.1.3 (Promoting off-channel storage to reduce impacts of water diversion).

NOAA is providing funding for the project through the **Russian River Habitat Blueprint** and the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife).

The project demonstrates many of the water management approaches that NOAA is promoting across coastal streams: reducing water use, increasing irrigation efficiency, reducing rates of water diversion, shifting the timing of diversion from the dry to the wet season, and dedicating water to endangered fish and wildlife.

NOAA fully supports the project and urges you to grant the applicant's request for expedited processing pursuant to Section 3.3.2.5 of the North Coast Instream Flow Policy.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Rutten
Supervisor, NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region
NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation



**Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center, Water Right Application & Petition for Change
Attachment 11 - Summary of Petition for Change**

Statement	S024280 (subject of change petition)	Statement for System #4901095
Present Place of Use	SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21 Township 7 North Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Meridian	W 1/2 of Section 21 Township 7 North Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Meridian
Present Purpose of Use	Irrigation	Domestic
Proposed Place of Use	Instream dedication reach (see map)	No change
Proposed Purpose of Use	Instream beneficial uses	No change