

09-1583 Ford Conservation Easement

Responses to the SRFB Comments

Comment: Please specify on habitat condition at the site and utilization by salmonids.

The site exhibits high quality riparian habitat with an unconfined floodplain. The channel exhibits stable conditions with high complexity compared to adjacent river reaches. The project site was visited in 2008 by the SRFB reviewers and they commented on the quality of habitat as being in great condition.

The CTUIR Fisheries Biologist commented that this reach frequently is used by summer steelhead adults through the winter month. In addition this reach is winter habitat for steelhead, Chinook, and bull trout.