

**PROPOSED FLTFA ACQUISITION – CALIFORNIA
SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST
SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVER
PROJECT SUMMARY
(March 2008)**

Property Name: Foster Property

Nominating Entity: Western Rivers Conservancy

Federally Designated Area: Shasta-Trinity National Forest, South Fork Trinity River Wild and Scenic River

Acquiring Agency: U.S. Forest Service

General Location: Northern California, 70 miles west of Redding

County: Trinity **Acres:** 160.0

Project Description /

Resource Values: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest Reserve was established from the public domain on April 26, 1905, by President Theodore Roosevelt. The 160-acre parcel falls within the South Fork of the Trinity River Wild and Scenic River (WSR), a federally designated Wild and Scenic River. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan directs the Forest to acquire available, undeveloped private lands within areas designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. The Forest's Land Adjustment identifies this parcel as "Lands High Priority to Acquire" because of the parcel's proximity to the South Fork WSR.

The property is within the most productive spawning reach for spring run Chinook salmon. The key threats are commercial logging and road building in and are of highly erodible soils leading to sediment loading and degradation of critical spawning habitat. This acquisition would allow for the enhancement of recreational opportunities associated with the WSR. California Trout, Friends of the River, and Western Rivers Conservancy have expressed support for this acquisition.

Anticipated Costs: FLTFA Funding in the amount of \$355,000 would be utilized to acquire the 160-acre parcel. Additional funding in the amount of \$317,000 would be leveraged by the Forest Service from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to fully fund this acquisition. The Forest Service will utilize their own funds to cover the costs associated with completing the acquisition, including the appraisal, environmental studies and closing costs. The 160-acre parcel has an estimated value of \$672,000.