

9. Statement of Environmental Impact

This work will take place on the Lower Yuba River (LYR). The LYR has been substantially affected by mining. The proposed work will place transmitters near the LYR. These transmitters will be placed in trees and on training berms. Tree placement will be done in such a way to prevent any damage to the trees. Training berms are manmade structures, and any attachment to them will be in such a way that it has no influence on naturally occurring structure. Further, this work has been considered and permitted by all relevant agencies.

Further, USFWS is the lead federal agency, and is a party to the cooperative agreement covering this proposal. While the proposed work would require EA filing pursuant to 47CFR1.1307, 47CFR1.1311(e) exempts the work as USFW has approved the environmental impact of the work in the cooperative agreement. Additionally, by entering into agreement with USFW, we are complying with sections 401, 404, and 408 of the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) including section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Yuba County is the state lead on the California Environmental Policy Act. We also are complying with other state and local regulations.