

South Yuba River Planning Public Meeting Summary

November 19, 2003 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

This was the ninth community meeting on the South Yuba River Management Plan. Developing a vision for the South Yuba River was the task participants worked on at this meeting. A vision statement defines the future it wants for the river. Through public involvement, communities identify their purpose, core values and vision of the future. Over 50 participants drafted eight vision statements. Their draft vision statements are:

GROUP: 99

The public lands along the South Yuba River will continue to provide an enjoyable, educational and recreational experience for visitors and to contribute to the quality of life in the local community. The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that recognizes human needs through a partnership between BLM, State Parks, USFS, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, businesses, the community, and recreational users, while protecting and enhancing wild and scenic river values.

Cultural resources, including both prehistoric and historic, will be protected and preserved. The different ecosystems found on the public lands will be protected and enhanced, and, where desirable and practical, restored to pre-Gold Rush conditions while maintaining recreational values. Reasonable public access to the river and the public lands will accommodate a wide range of recreational uses, including, but not limited to, swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, bicycling, recreational gold-panning, suction dredging, water play, picnicking, and other day recreation uses consistent with resource protection. The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses. Environmental education will be an important aspect of public land management. Where appropriate to implement this vision, if the opportunity presents itself, the public lands may be supplemented by the acquisition of additional property from willing sellers only.

GROUP: GOLDEN QUARTZ

- Maintain Wild and Scenic characteristics for ourselves and for future generations.
- Providing a range of recreational activities from easy access for children and disabled to the remote river experience.
- The different ecosystems found on the public lands will be protected and enhanced.
- The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses, protecting cultural and historical heritage.
- Maintaining dialogue between managing agencies and the public.

GROUP: MISSOURI BAR

The public lands along the South Yuba will be managed for present and future use to preserve scenic, historic, and habitat values in keeping with its Wild and Scenic status.

The management plan strives to balance natural and human uses of the river to sustain a healthy and diverse population.

Cultural resources, including both prehistoric and historic, will be protected. The different ecosystems indigenous to the area will be protected and restored when appropriate. Water quality, flow levels needed to sustain.

Every available resource will be utilized to maintain the pristine quality of river water and to assure adequate flow for the fishery as well as human use.

The South Yuba River will continue to be valued for its scenic and natural values. River users, landowners, and agencies will collaborate and become stewards of the river and its canyon environs. The public lands along the South Yuba River will be protected, preserved, and where feasible restored to their natural state. The habitat will be managed for species diversity, improved water quality and high scenic and habitat values.

The river ecosystem will continue to provide an enjoyable and educational experience for visitors and continue to contribute to the quality of life.

The public lands along the South Yuba River corridor will be maintained to preserve the river's Wild and Scenic designation. The river will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for visitors and residents, and to contribute to the quality of life in the local community. The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that recognizes human needs through a partnership between the BLM, State Parks, Forest Service, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, the community and recreational users.

The public lands will be managed for diversity in a way that respects and protects private property rights, and balances competing uses. Environmental education and volunteerism will be important aspects of public land management.

GROUP: BRIDGEPORT

The public lands and the river itself will continue to provide a diversity of natural, scenic, recreational, cultural, and economic resources. The unique and remote characteristics of this river, the South Yuba, will be maintained. The river will be managed in a fashion that will be consistent with its status of Wild and Scenic.

The different ecosystems found on the public lands will be protected and enhanced and, where desirable and practical, restored to pre-Gold Rush conditions.

We commit to improving water quality and flows to provide for a full range of native flora and fauna to flourish in a healthy environment while respecting legal interests.

We take seriously our responsibility to practice stewardship which will ensure that future generations can experience the river in its natural state!

GROUP: 49 CROSSING

The public lands along the South Yuba River corridor will be maintained to preserve the river's Wild and Scenic designation. The river will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for visitors and residents, and to contribute to the quality of life in the local community. The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that recognizes human needs through a partnership between BLM, State Parks, Forest Service, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, the community, and recreational users.

Cultural resources, including both prehistoric and historic, will be protected and preserved. The different river ecosystems and wildlife habitat found on the public lands will be protected and enhanced, and where desirable and practical, restored to pre-Gold Rush conditions.

Reasonable public access to the river and the public lands will accommodate a wide range of recreation uses.

The public lands will be managed for diversity in a way that respects and protects private property rights, and balances competing uses. Environmental education and volunteerism will be important aspects of public land management.

Our river, the South Yuba, flows though Nevada County like our blood flows through our bodies, giving this area its life and meaning.

We plan to encourage cherishing the river, and the entire river corridor.

GROUP: DEVILS SLIDE

The public lands along the South Yuba River continue to provide an enjoyable, educational experience for visitors, and to contribute to the quality of life in the local community. The South Yuba River is managed in a fashion that recognizes human needs through a partnership between BLM, State Parks, USFS, Nevada County and other agencies, landowners, businesses, the community, and recreational users. This management places emphasis on ensuring that what caused the river to be nominated as "Wild and Scenic" is conserved and protected. Among these outstanding values are water quality, free flowing conditions, a full range of native flora and fauna, historical cultural heritage, a relatively undeveloped and remote river experience, public access to remote areas via trails and existing primitive roads, and natural beauty. This partnership is an ongoing process that includes public participation in which the agencies are responsive to this public input in developing and implementing plans for the river corridor.

Reasonable public access to the river and the public lands will accommodate a wide range of active and passive uses.

The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses. Environmental education will be an important aspect of public management. Where appropriate to implement this vision, the public lands may be supplemented by the acquisition of additional property or private land conservation easements.

GROUP: KELEHER

The public lands along the Wild and Scenic South Yuba will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for the general public and will continue to contribute to the quality of life of the local community. The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that recognizes human needs through a partnership between the BLM, State Parks, USFS, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, businesses, the community, and recreational users and will create and sustain community involvement in the stewardship of the South Yuba.

Cultural resources, including both prehistoric and historic, will be protected and preserved. The different terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and wildlife corridors found on the public lands will be protected, enhanced, and restored to be sustainable, stable, fire-safe, healthy, and diverse.

Reasonable public access to the river and the public lands will accommodate a wide range of recreation uses and experiences while minimizing human impacts.

The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses. Environmental education will be an important and discreet aspect of public land management.

GROUP: NO NAME

Commit to improving water quality and flows to provide for a healthy native environment for a full range of flora and fauna to flourish while respecting legal interests.

We take seriously our responsibility to practice stewardship to ensure that future generations can experience the river in its natural state.

South Yuba public lands will continue to provide diversity of natural, scenic, recreational, cultural, and economic resources.

The unique and remote characteristics of this river will be managed in a fashion that will be consistent with its status of Wild and Scenic.

The different ecosystems found on the public lands will be protected and enhanced and where desirable and practical, restored to pre-Gold Rush conditions.

The participants also voted to select Tuesday as the night to meet beginning next year in 2004.

**The last meeting date of the year will be Wednesday, December 3,
from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the L.O.V.E. Building in Grass Valley.**