

FINAL  
South Yuba River Comprehensive Management Plan  
**PLANNING CONSTRAINTS**

Planning constraints form the parameters, or limitations, in the scope of a plan. They clearly state what the plan will not cover, or define how something will or will not be accomplished.

1. This plan must be consistent with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policy.
2. Planning actions will be constrained to public lands within the boundaries of the South Yuba River planning “corridor”. The “corridor” is defined as an average of one quarter mile each side from centerline of the River, or as needed to address issues on public land that have immediate impact on the main stem of the River.
3. No plan alternative will be developed which compromises the resource values that caused the State of California to designate the South Yuba as a State Wild and Scenic River, and the federal agencies to recommend it for the same status under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
4. Private property will continue to be regulated by existing State and County zoning, ordinances, and regulations. Based on review of the Nevada County zoning maps in 1999, it was found that zoning was consistent and compatible with Wild and Scenic River objectives. Current zoning remains consistent and compatible.
5. The managing agencies will not use fee title condemnation of private property as a management tool. Acquisition of private lands by agencies will be considered to resolve issues and/or enhance “Outstandingly Remarkable Values,” on a willing-seller, willing-buyer basis.
6. Based on Section 7a of the Wild and Scenic River Act, there is no intent to disrupt the current operation, repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or eventual replacement of NID’s Yuba-Bear Project #2266 or PG&E’s Drum-Spaulding Project #2310. There is also no intent to preclude future expansion of existing dams, reservoirs, powerhouses, or the construction of additional works that would be operated under existing or future licenses, located upstream and outside of any designated Wild and Scenic River segment.
7. No new broad-scale resource inventories will be done to facilitate development of this plan. Planning decisions will be based on the best available data, with only limited crucial inventory work completed by agency staff and volunteers to direct and perfect planning decisions.
8. During the planning process, the managing agencies will not issue any new permits, leases or rights-of-way, within the planning area that would alter the character of the area or foreclose on future management options.
9. Mining claims on federal lands may continue to be filed and mined, where those lands are open to mineral entry. The use of motorized operations remains unchanged and will be regulated based on Department of Fish and Game requirements and Plans of Operation. Plans of Operation must address “Outstandingly Remarkable Values.”
10. Increased releases from the Yuba Bear Project and the Drum Spaulding Project

into the main stem of the South Yuba River will not be examined in this plan. This interest can be met as recommendations made in the plan that can be examined during the FERC relicensing process.

11. The scope, time frames and deliverables of the planning effort are limited by the grant application as funded by CalFed. No additional funds are available from the agencies to expand the scope, time frames or deliverables.

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