

# Hydro Power Feasibility Study

Hoopa Valley Tribe

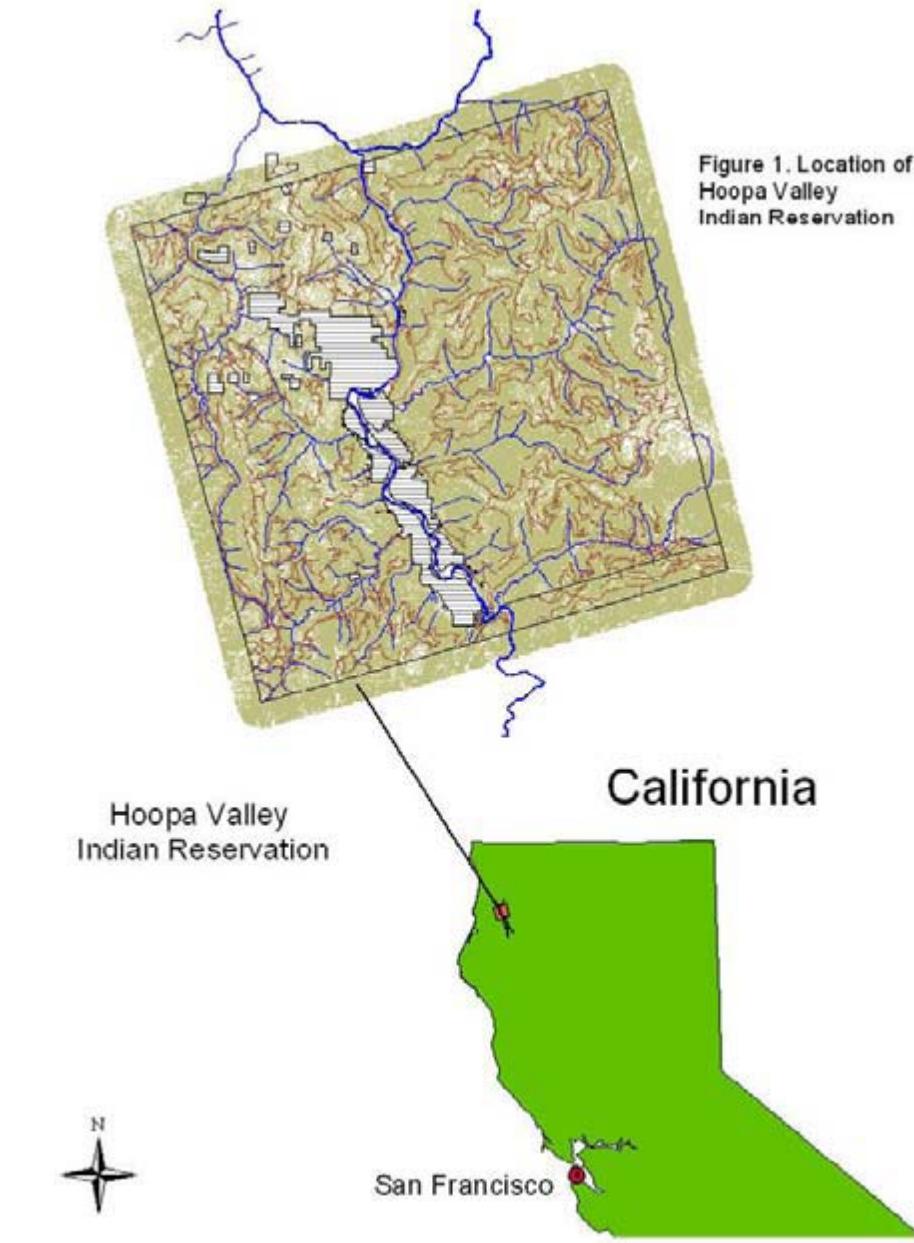


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**Figure 1. Location of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation**



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Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation ■

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There are over 1200 miles of major streams within the Hoopa Valley Reservation many of which support Salmon, Steelhead and Rainbow trout. 50-60 inches of rainfall /year

# In the beginning

In FY 2005 the Hoopa Tribal EPA received a grant from DOE to conduct a 2 year feasibility study for small scale hydropower on 7 major tributaries of the Reservation that flow into the Trinity River

# Concept of Approach

- Road access to streams
  - Intake sites, pipeline construction and turbine sites
- Distance to Valley
  - produce enough power to get down to the valley and still have plenty for the community to use
- Proximity to power lines – connectivity
- Location for turbine
  - relatively flat, close to power lines
- Adequate head and majority of stream flows at intake site

# Salmon are the life blood of the Hupa and Yurok and Karuk people



# Issue(s)

In 2003 the Tribe won  
it's case for 30% more  
water from the  
Lewiston dam to  
support Salmon  
fisheries in the Trinity  
and Klamath Rivers

Negotiations annually  
for water



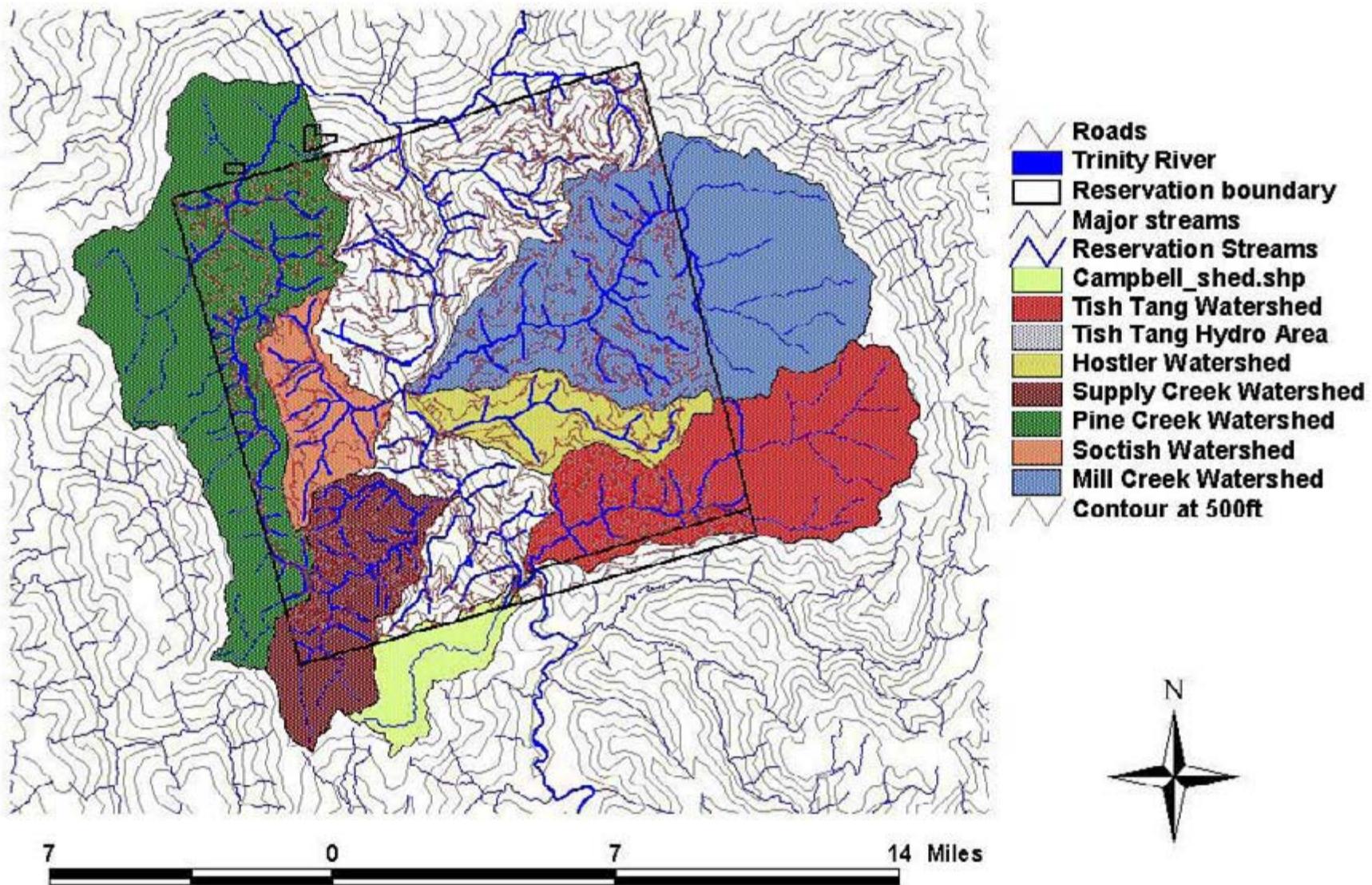
Lewiston Dam – Trinity River



# Potential watersheds

- Pine Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 31,413 acres
- Mill Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 30,810 acres
- Tish Tang Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 19,131 acres
- Supply Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 10,254 acres
- Hostler Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 6,657 acres
- Soctish Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 5,924 acres
- Campbell Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 4,355 acres

# Hoopa Valley Hydrosheds



# Upper Campbell Creek Landslide Off Reservation Impacts



# Campbell Creek Sediments



# Hostler Creek

- Gross head, 39 feet
- Length of pipe, 375 feet
- Design flow, 10 cfs
- Flow duration 217 days
- Recommended pipe diameter, 16"
- Calculated net head, 35 feet
- Expected power, 19KW
- Revenue ~\$6,000 annually



# Mill Creek

- Gross head, 72 feet
- Length of pipe, 6350 feet
- Flow range, 100 cfs
- Flow duration 182 days
- Recommended pipe diameter, 60"
- Calculated net head, 65 feet
- Expected power, 470KW
- Annual Revenue ~ \$150,000



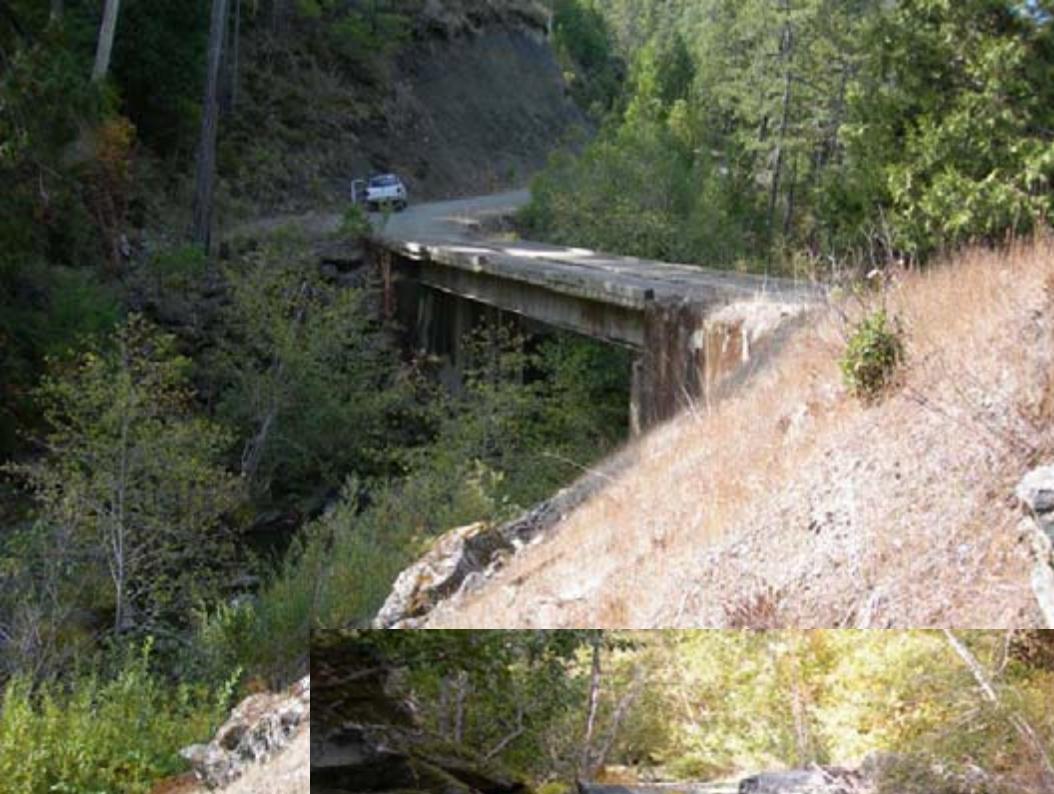




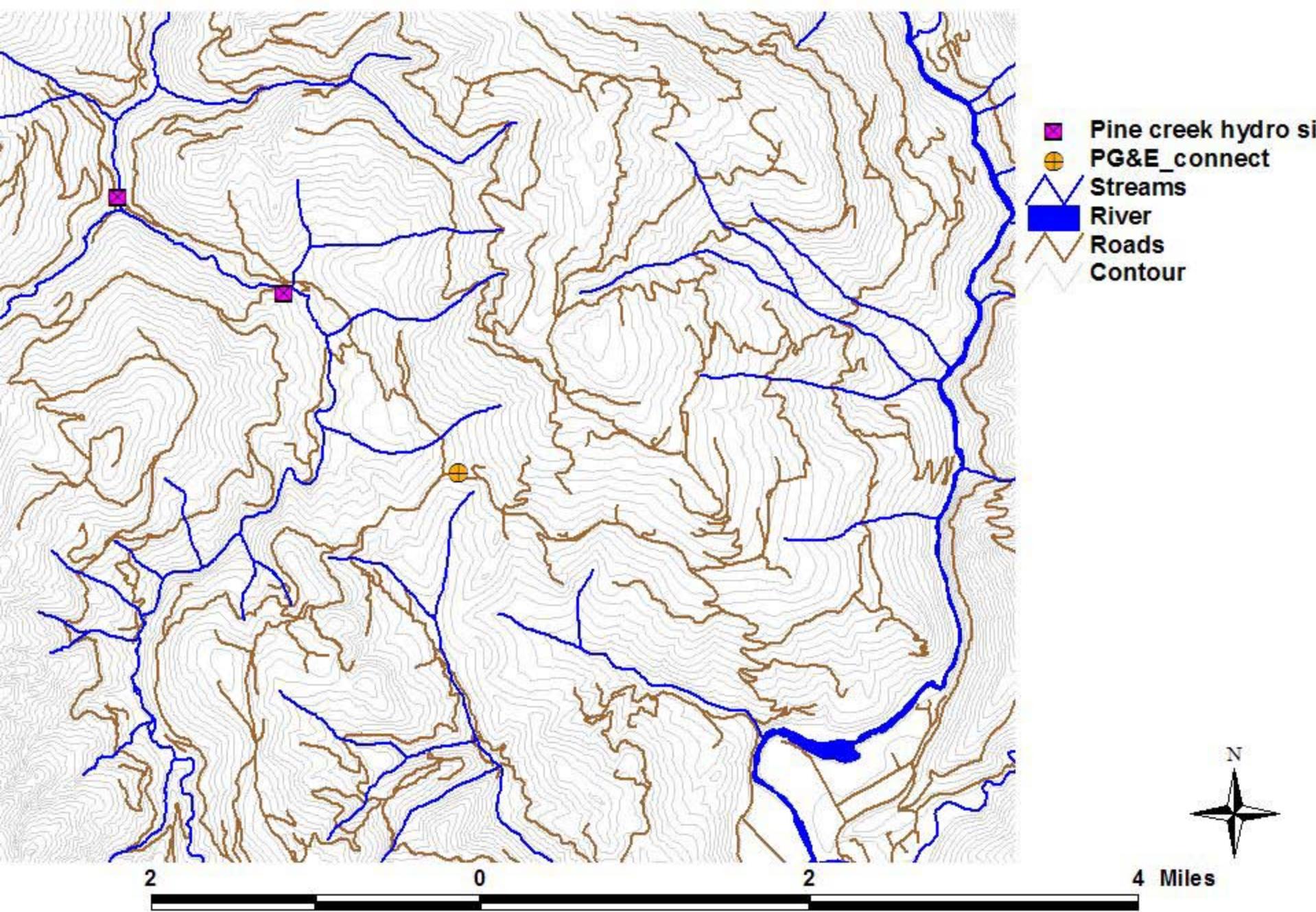


# Pine Creek

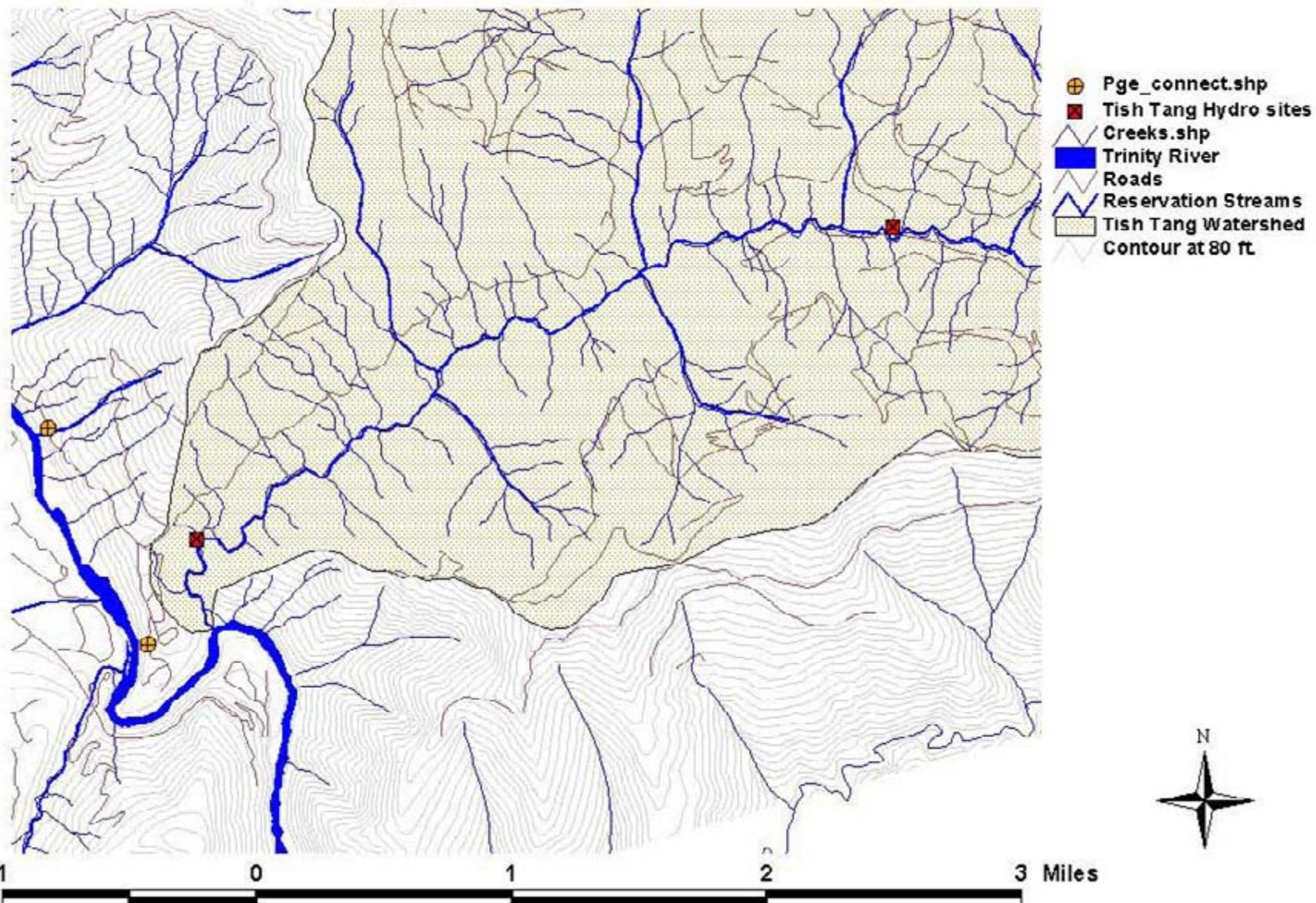
- Gross head, 66 feet
- Length of pipe, 4500 feet
- Flow range, 50 cfs
- Duration 50cfs for 141 days
- Recommended pipe diameter, 48"
- Calculated net head, 62 feet
- Expected power, 220KW
- Annual Revenue ~ \$58,000



# Pine Creek Hydropower



# Lower Tish Tang Creek Hoopa Valley



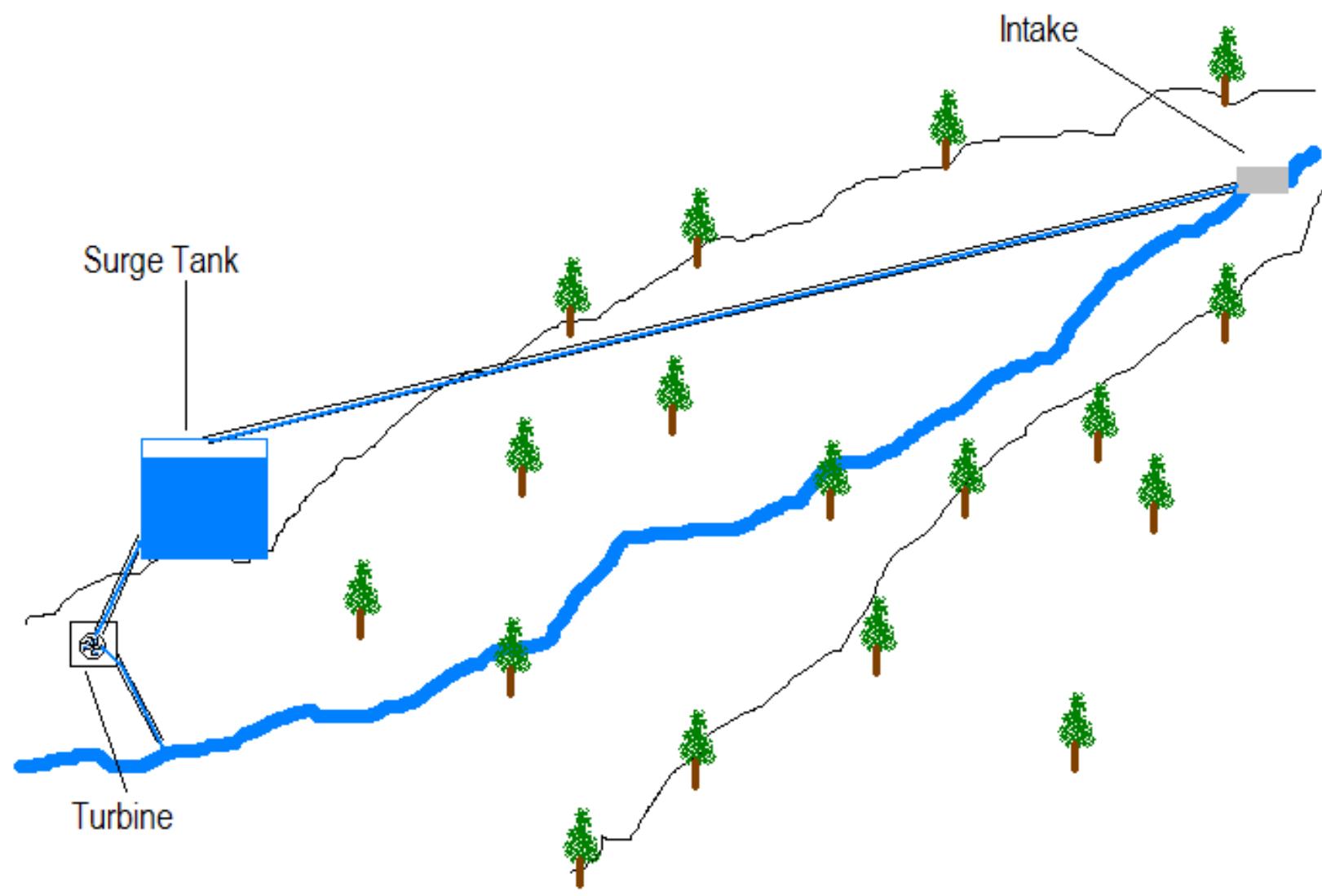
A photograph of a steep, rocky hillside. The upper portion of the slope is covered in sparse green vegetation and fallen tree branches. The rock face itself is dark grey and appears to be composed of layered sedimentary rock. A small stream or path of water flows down the center of the slope. The bottom of the image shows a rocky stream bed with some fallen logs.

Instability





## Alternative Concept



**Bottom Line**  
**Hoopa Tribe Hydro Projects**

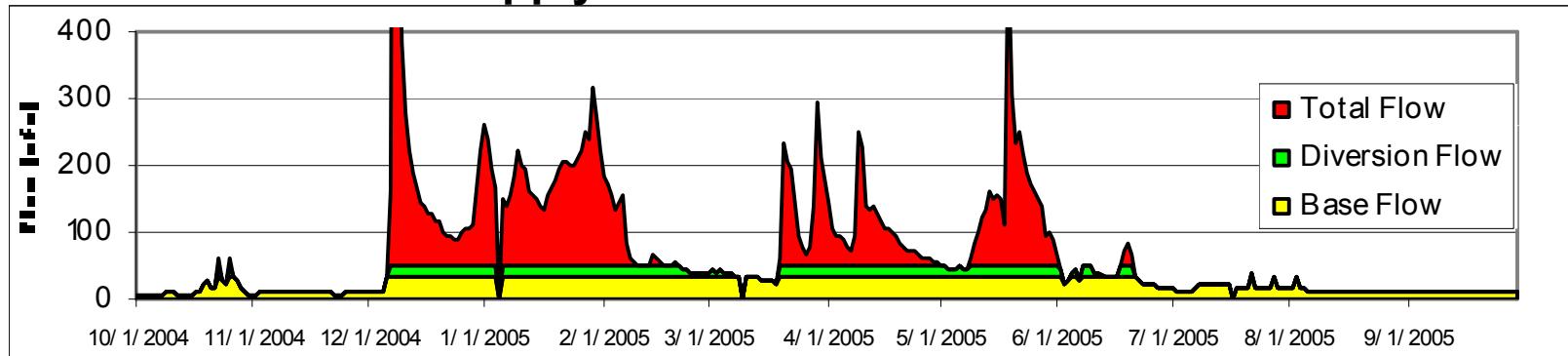
	KW Size of Turbine	Power Purchase / KWH	Annual Revenue	Total Cost of Installation	25% Down payment or Cost share	Loan Amt (Total Cost less down payment)	6% Note, amortized over 10 yr., annual payments	Revenue - Cost
<b>Soctish Creek</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>310,003</b>	<b>1,739,960</b>	<b>\$434,990</b>	<b>1,304,970</b>	<b>173,854</b>	<b>136,149</b>
<b>Supply Creek Option</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>262,310</b>	<b>1,541,825</b>	<b>\$385,486</b>	<b>1,156,369</b>	<b>154,057</b>	<b>108,253</b>



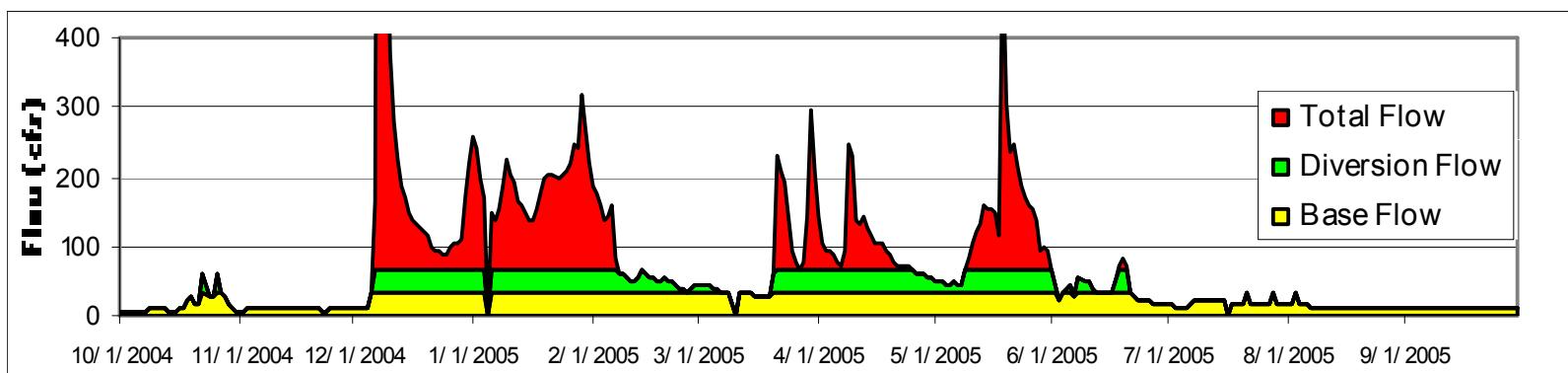
Collecting stream flow data

# Supply Creek

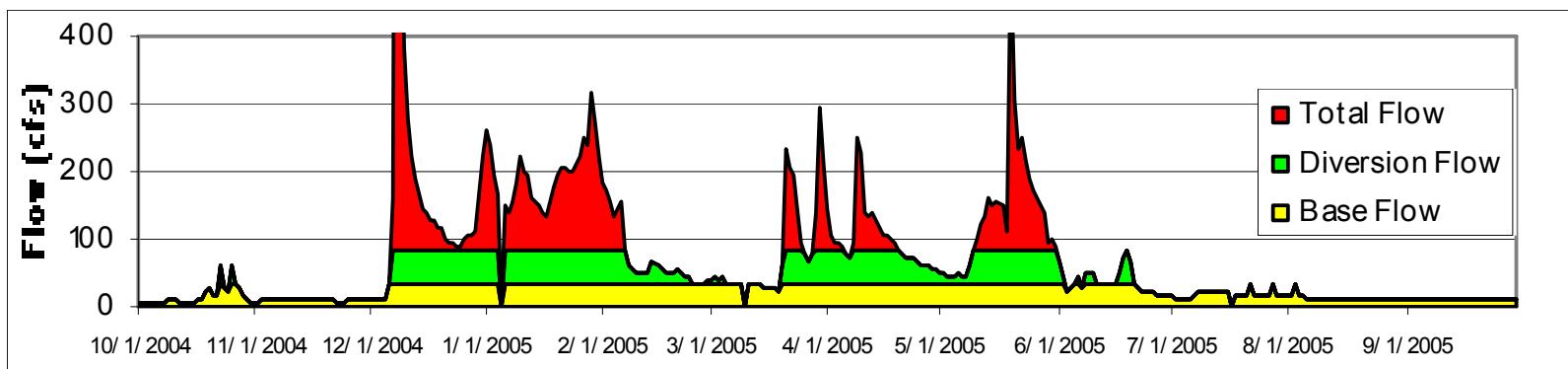
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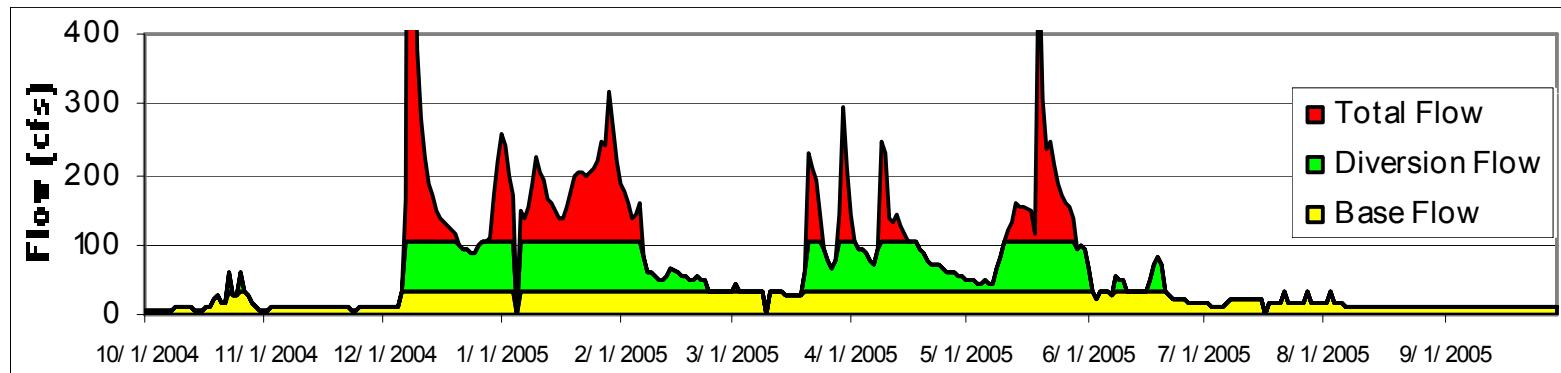


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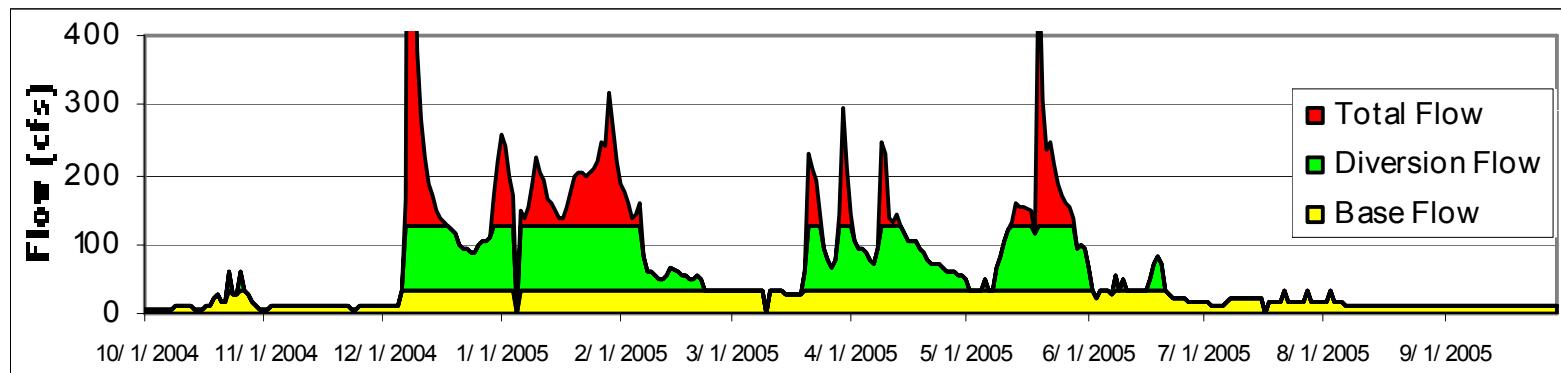


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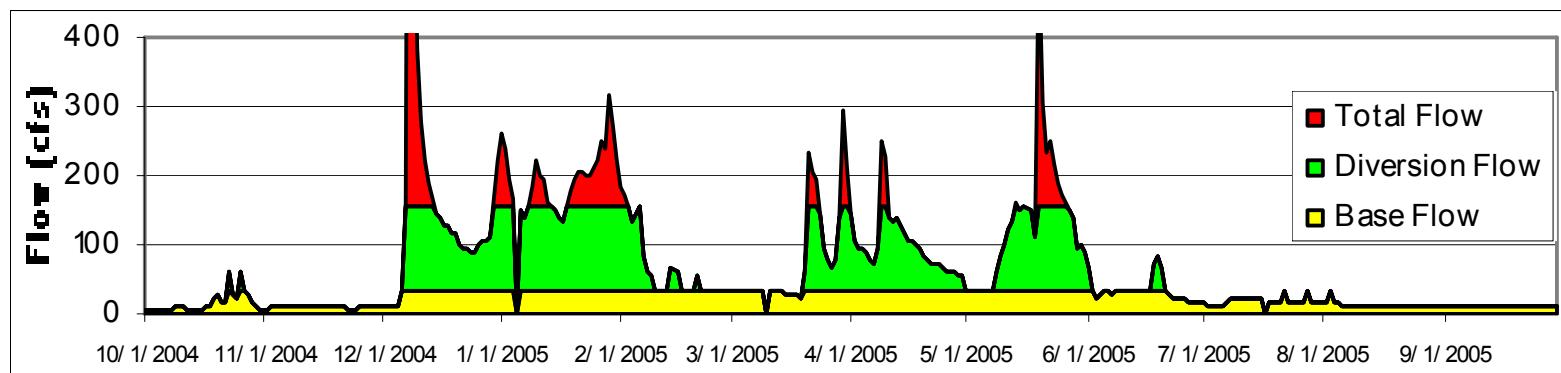
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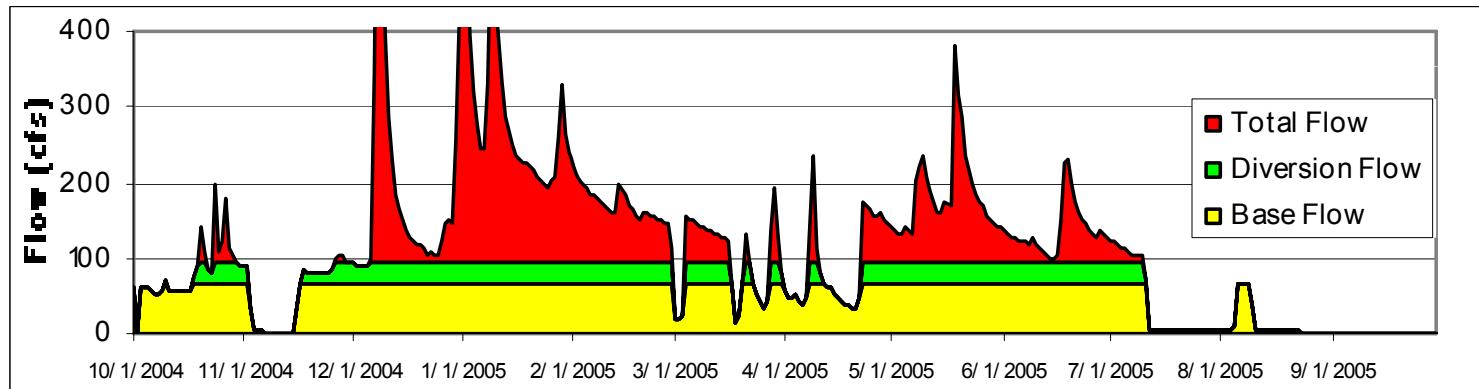


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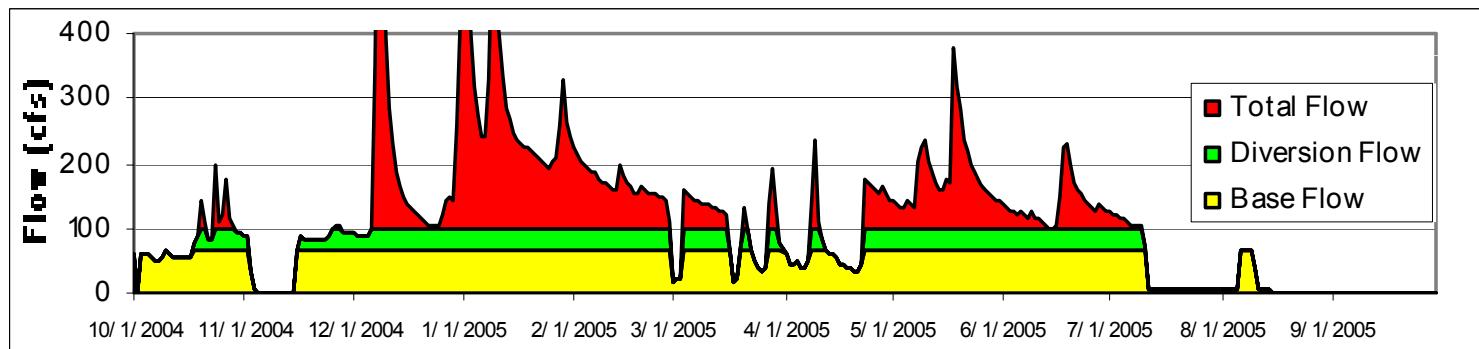


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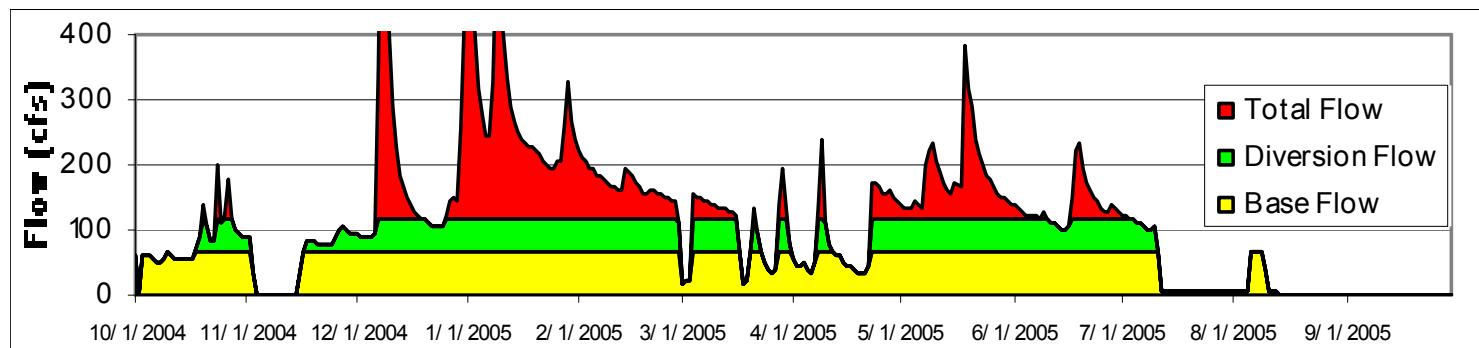
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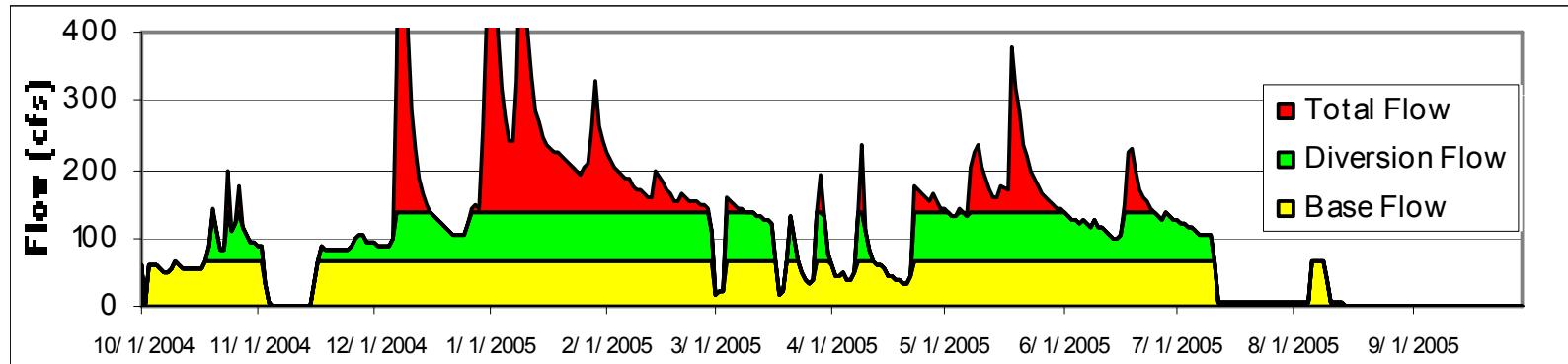


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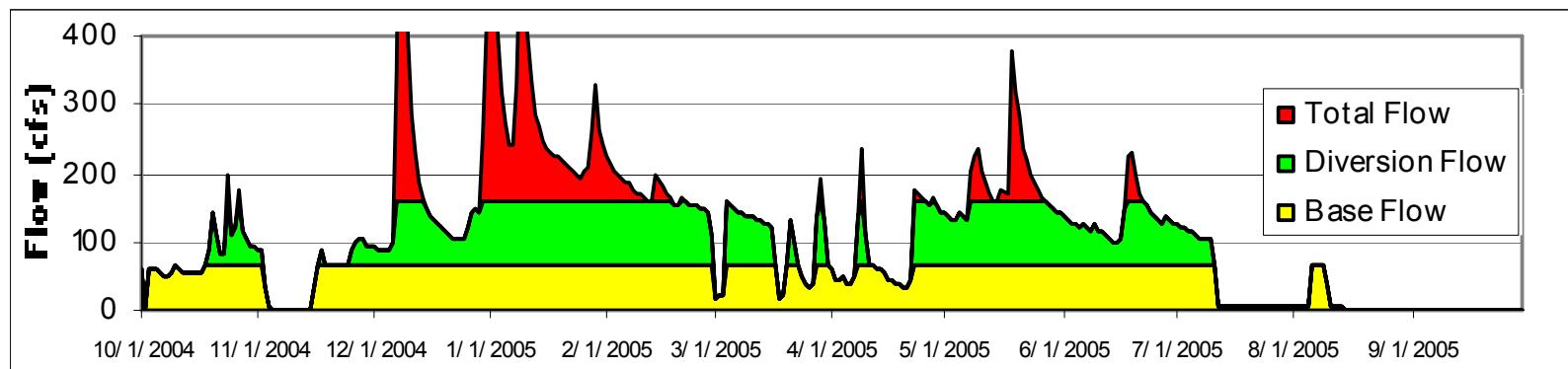


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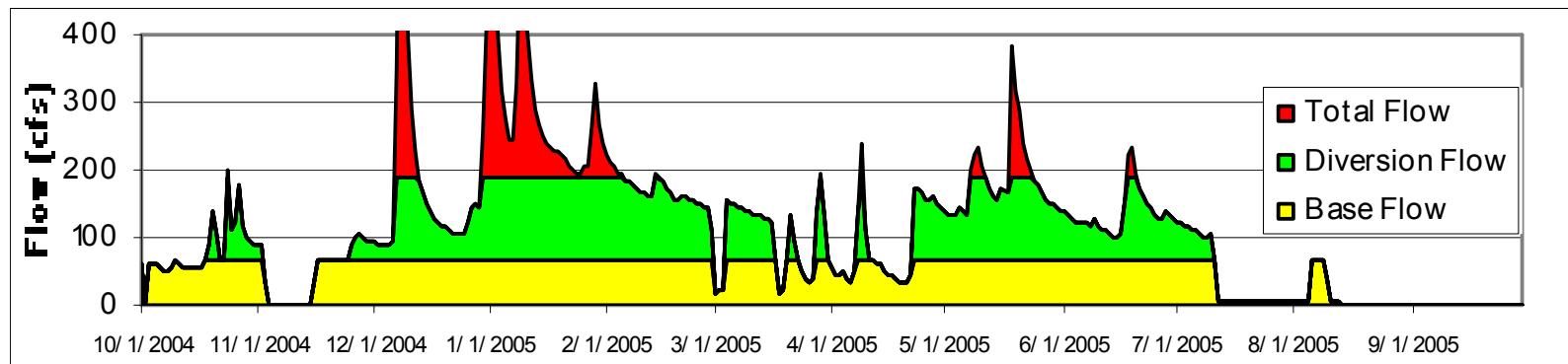
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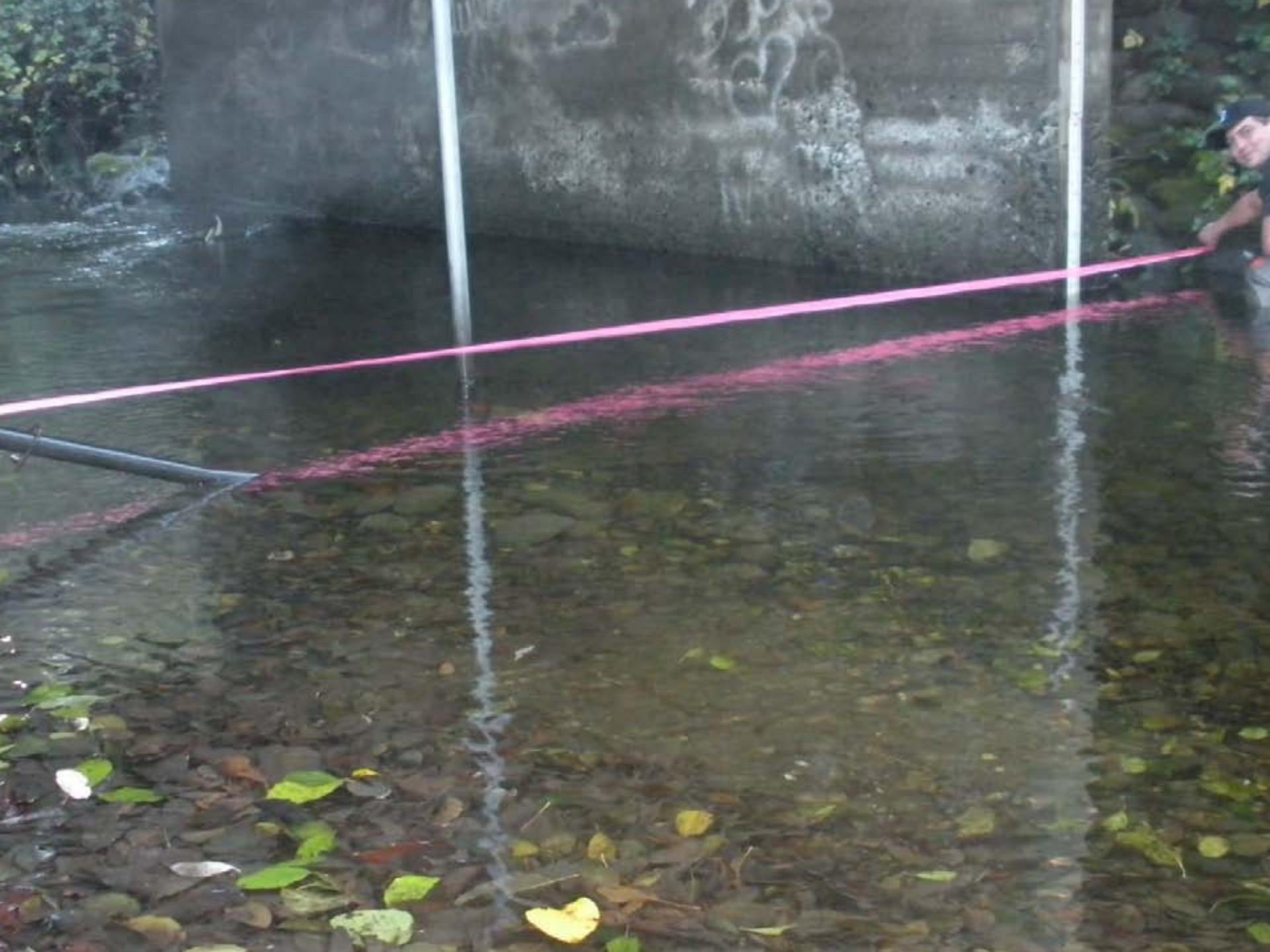
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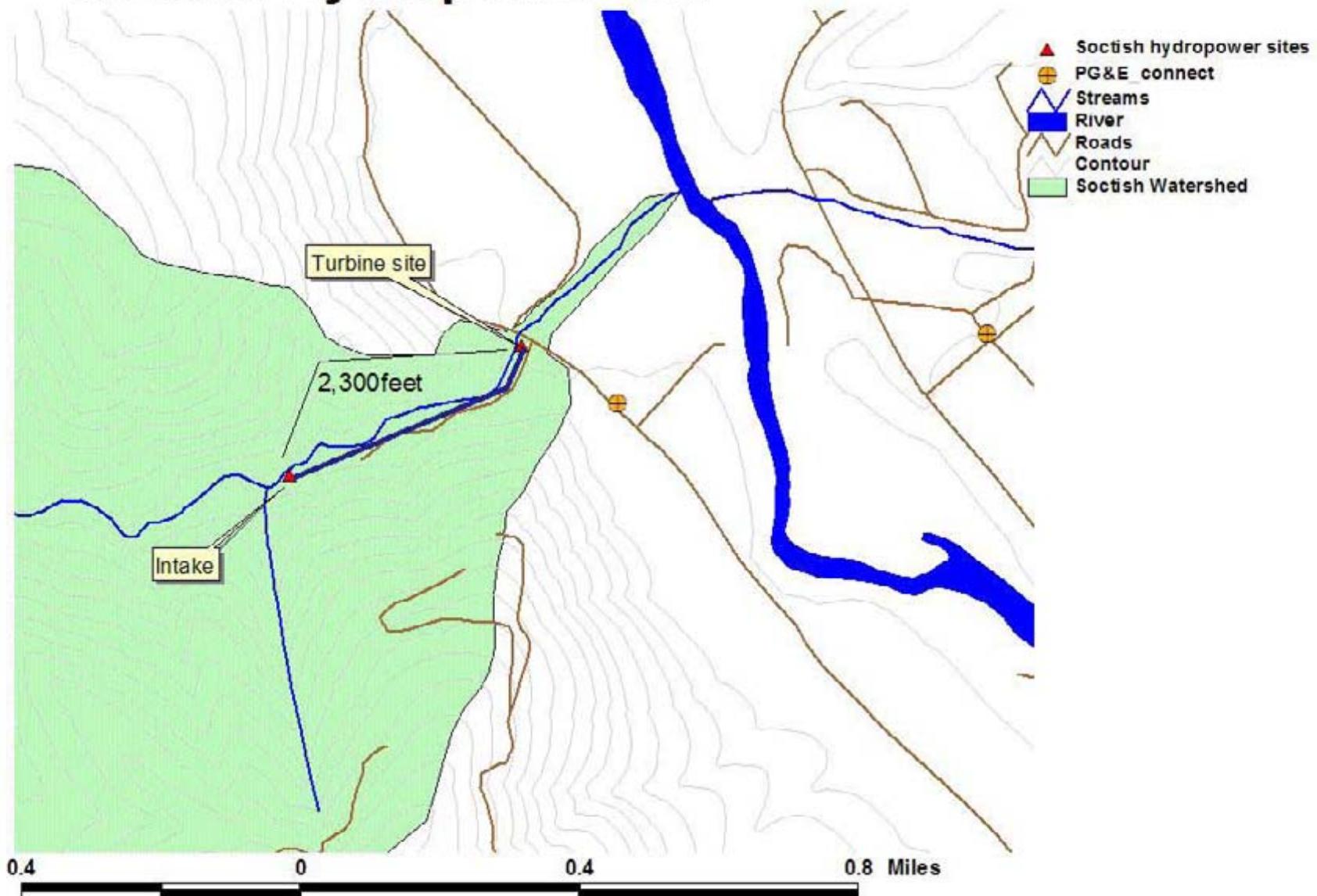
Soctish Creek

Critical Depth 1.5 stage 7cfs

Nov 13, 2009



# Soctish Hydropower site



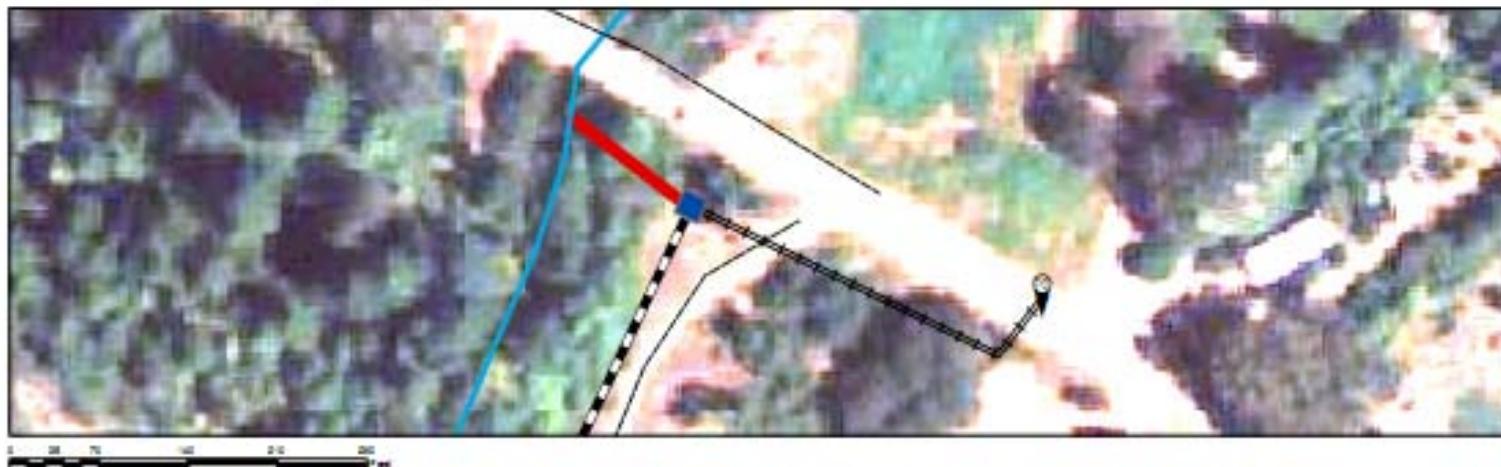


Concept Schematic for Soctish Creek

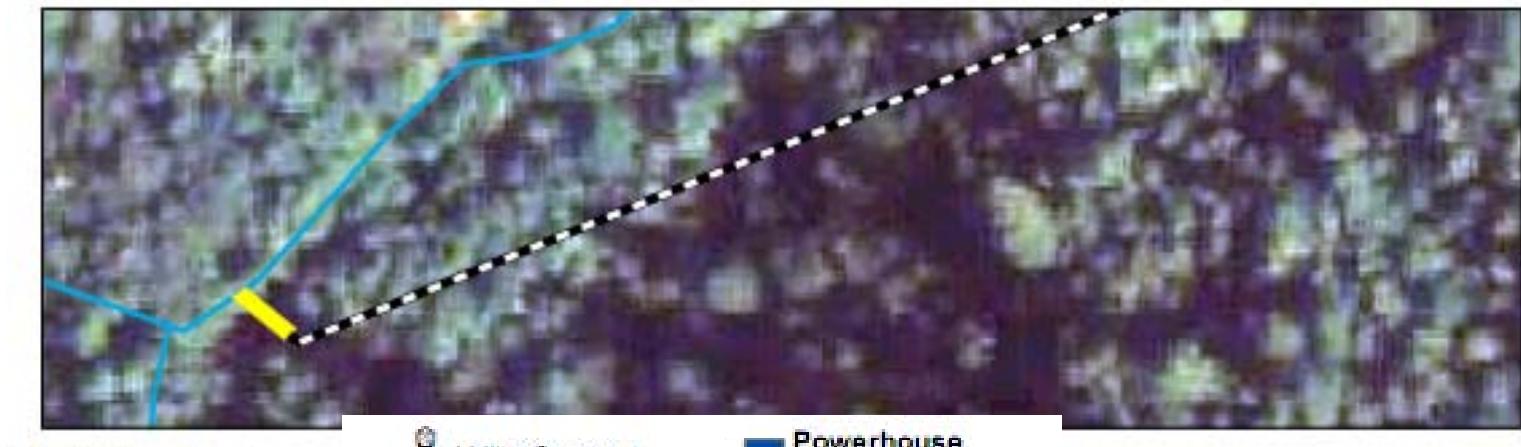
- Utility Connect
- soctish\_roads
- Soctish Creek
- Diversion Structure
- Powerhouse
- 24 inch Penstock
- Electrical Conduit
- Spillway

Soctish Creek

### *Power House and Spillway Locations*



### *Intake Structure Location*



- Utility Connect
- suctish\_roads
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Suctish Creek

## Characteristics of Hydropower for Soctish Creek

- Design Flow                    32 CFS
- Base Flow for Fish            65 CFS
- Static head                    80ft
- Net Head                      57 ft
- Intake width                  10ft
- Intake length                 55ft
- Pipeline length               2350ft
- Pipe Diameter                 24 inches
- Pipeline type – Epoxy Lined Steel (ELS)
- Turbine size                   120kW
- Generator output             110kW
- Annual Revenue               \$61,000
- Project costs                 \$1.514M
- Simple payback               25 years



## Intake Location - Soctish Creek



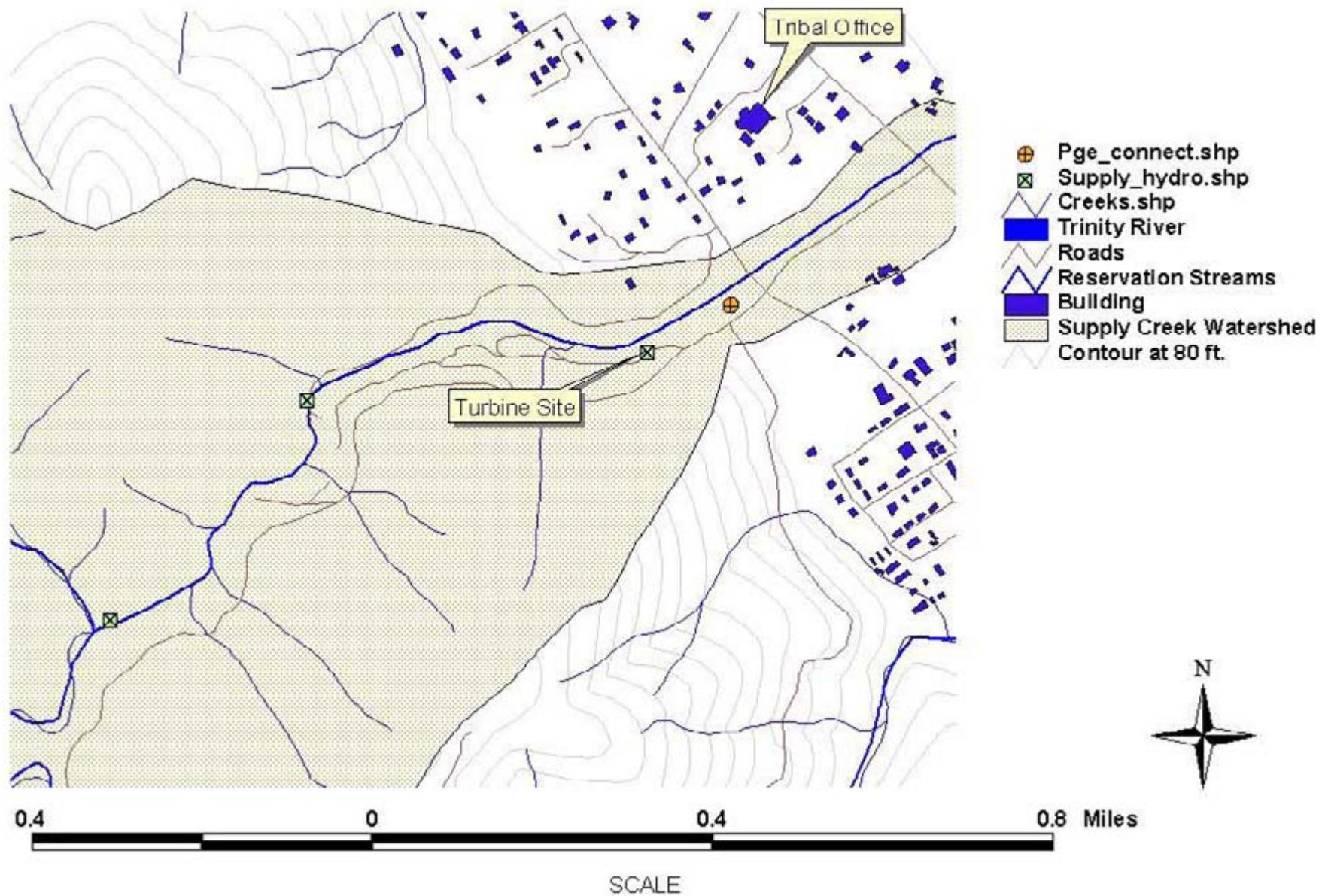
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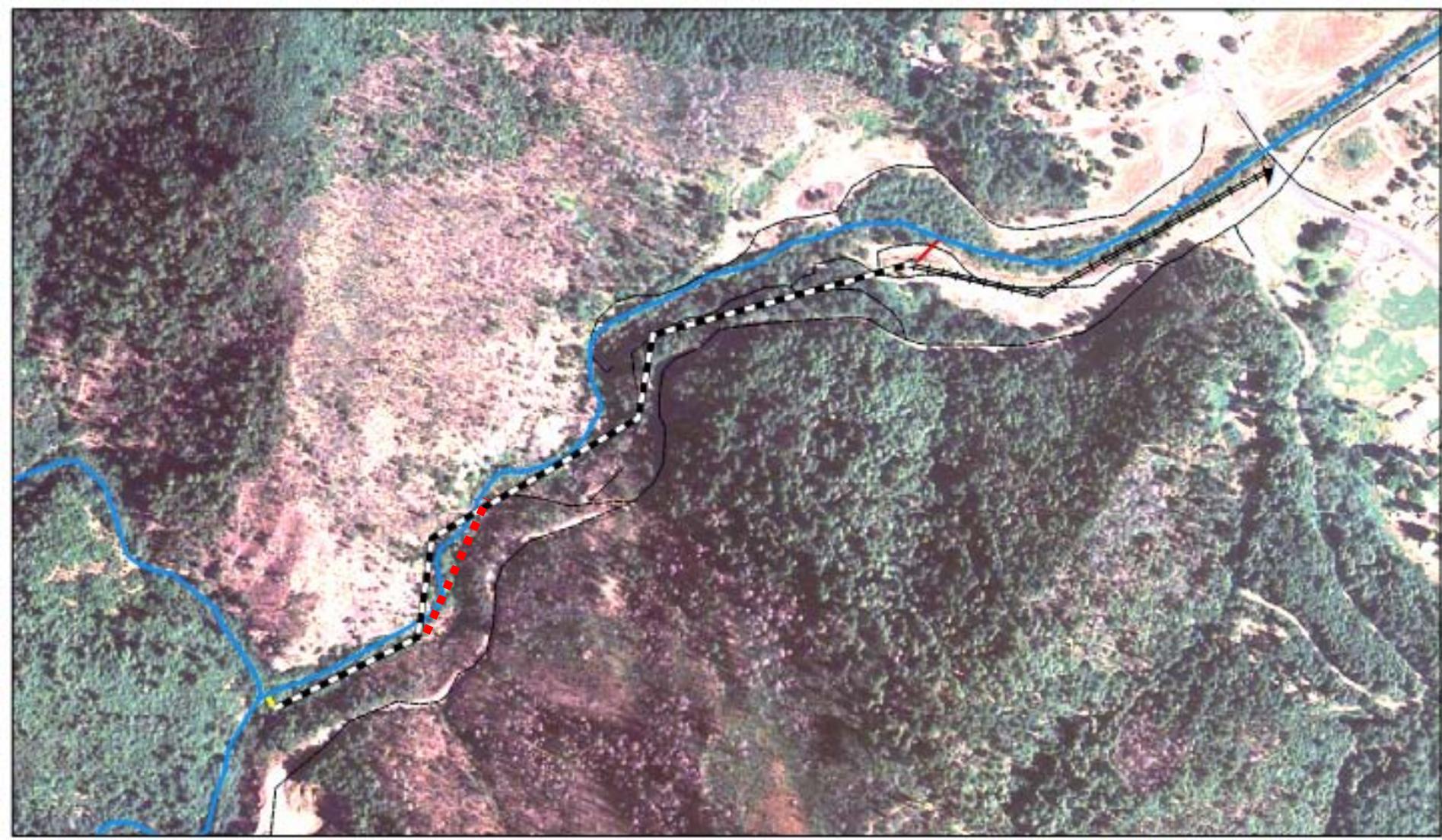






## Supply creek hydro sites



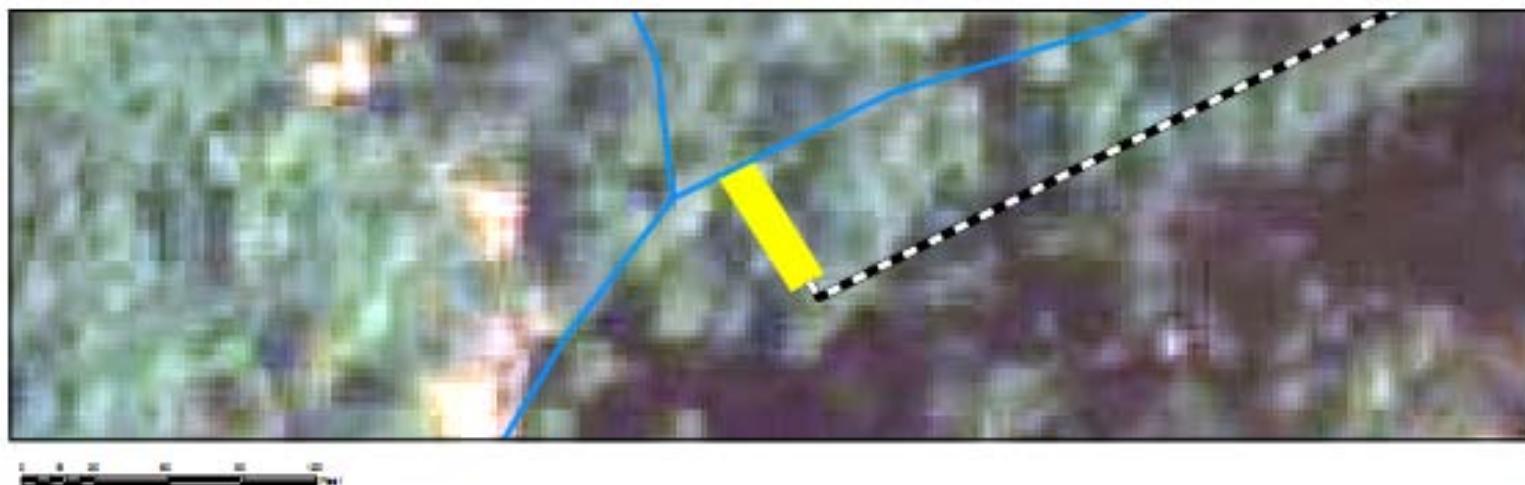


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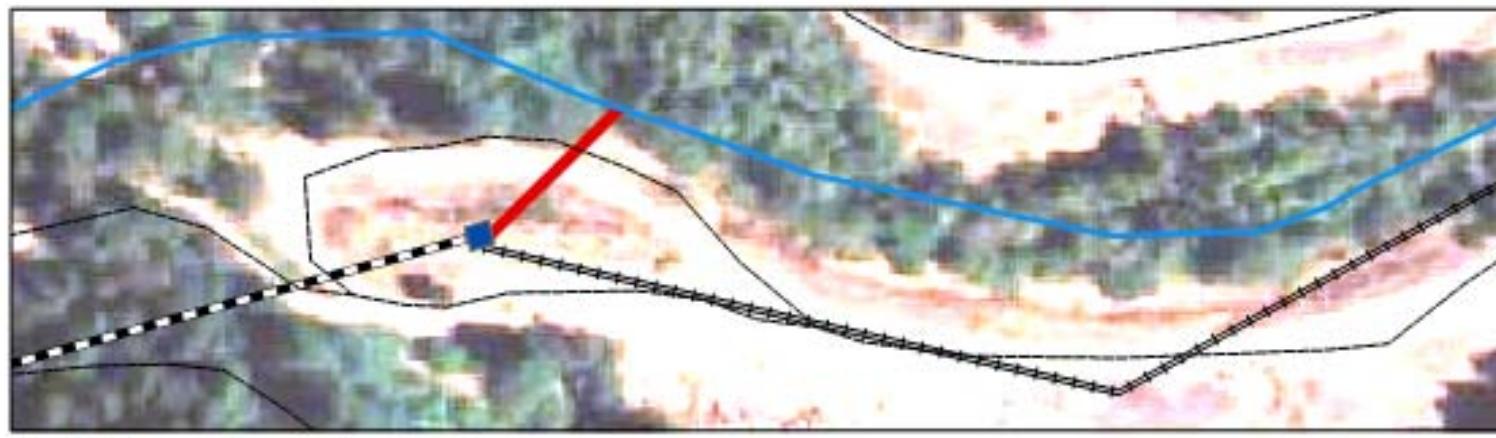
- 📍 Utility Connect
- Roads
- Powerhouse
- Supply Creek
- 30 Inch Penstock
- == Electric Conduit
- Diversion Structure
- Spillway

Supply Creek

*Intake Structure Location*



*Power House and Spillway Locations*



- Utility Connect
- Roads
- Powerhouse
- Supply Creek
- 30 inch Penstock
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- Spillway

## Characteristics of Hydropower Supply Creek

- Design flow 50cfs
- Base flow for fish 32cfs
- Intake width 15ft
- Intake length 55ft
- Static head 165ft
- Net head 146ft
- Pipeline diameter 30in
- Pipeline length 3400ft
- ELS pipe
- Turbine size 508kW
- Generator 475kW
- Annual revenue \$164,400
- Project cost \$2.347M
- Simple payback 14 years



## Supply Creek Intake location











A photograph of a man standing on a rocky riverbank. He is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants, facing away from the camera towards a steep, overgrown hillside. The hillside is covered in various types of vegetation, including green coniferous trees and yellow autumn foliage. The foreground shows a mix of rocks, fallen branches, and some low-lying plants.

Landscape obstacle

Along pipeline route







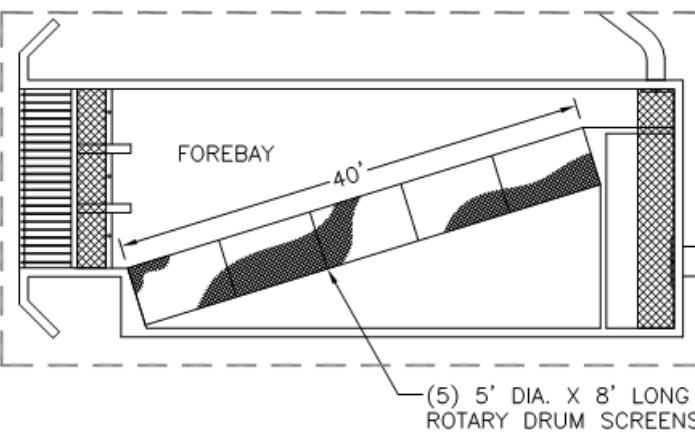
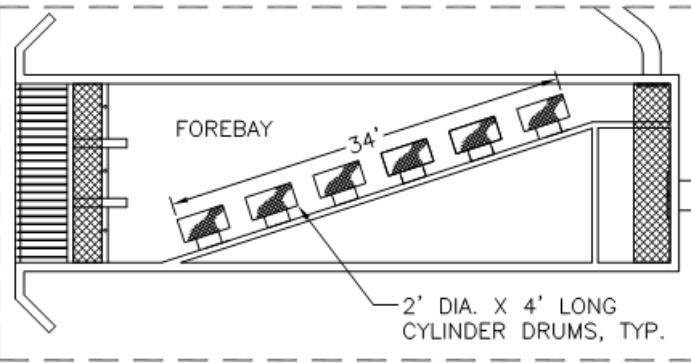
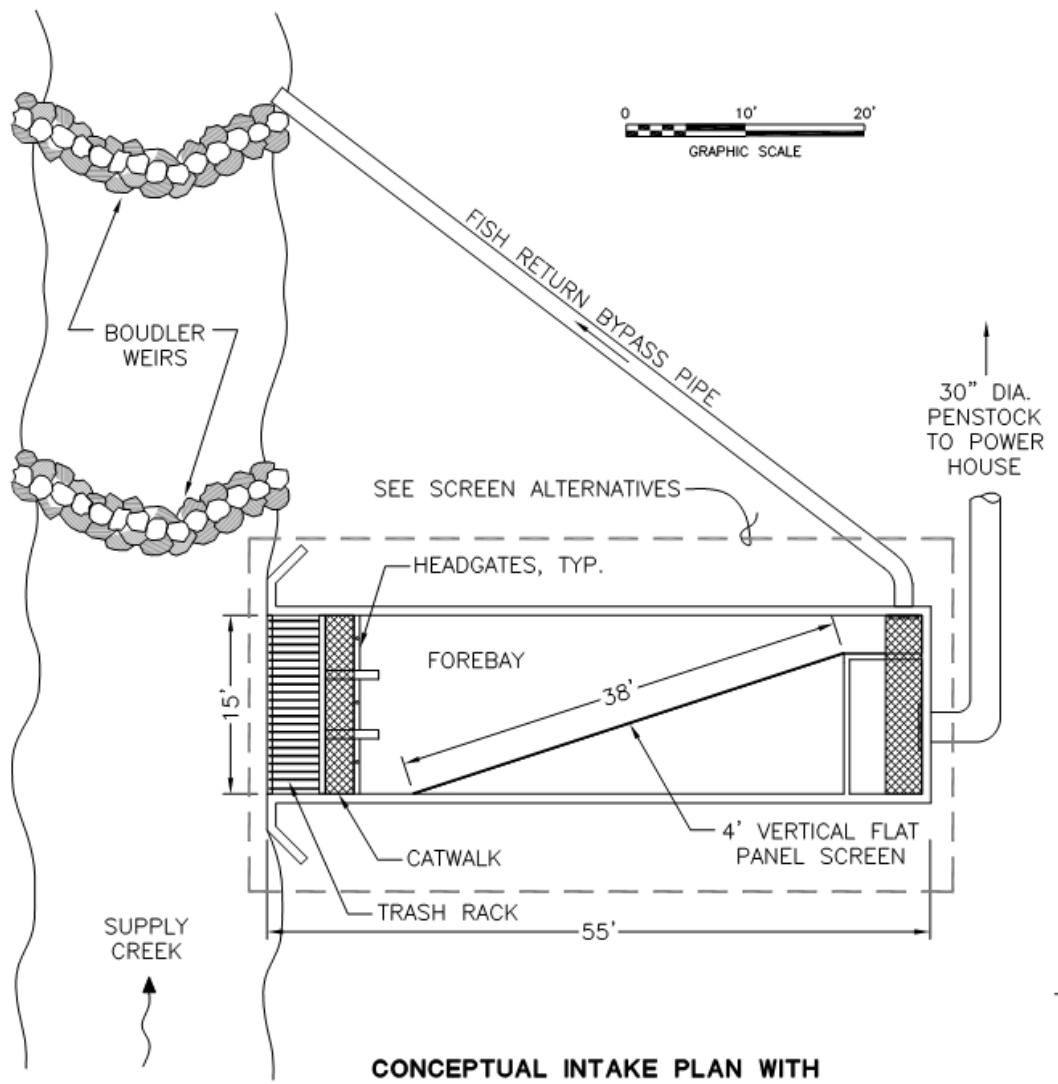


Turbine site



Supply Creek 1.5 ft stage 27cfs

Nov 13, 2008



**SUPPLY CREEK**  
**CONCEPT INTAKE STRUCTURE**  
**FISH SCREEN ALTERNATIVES**  
**HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE SMALL HYDROELECTRIC**  
**FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS**

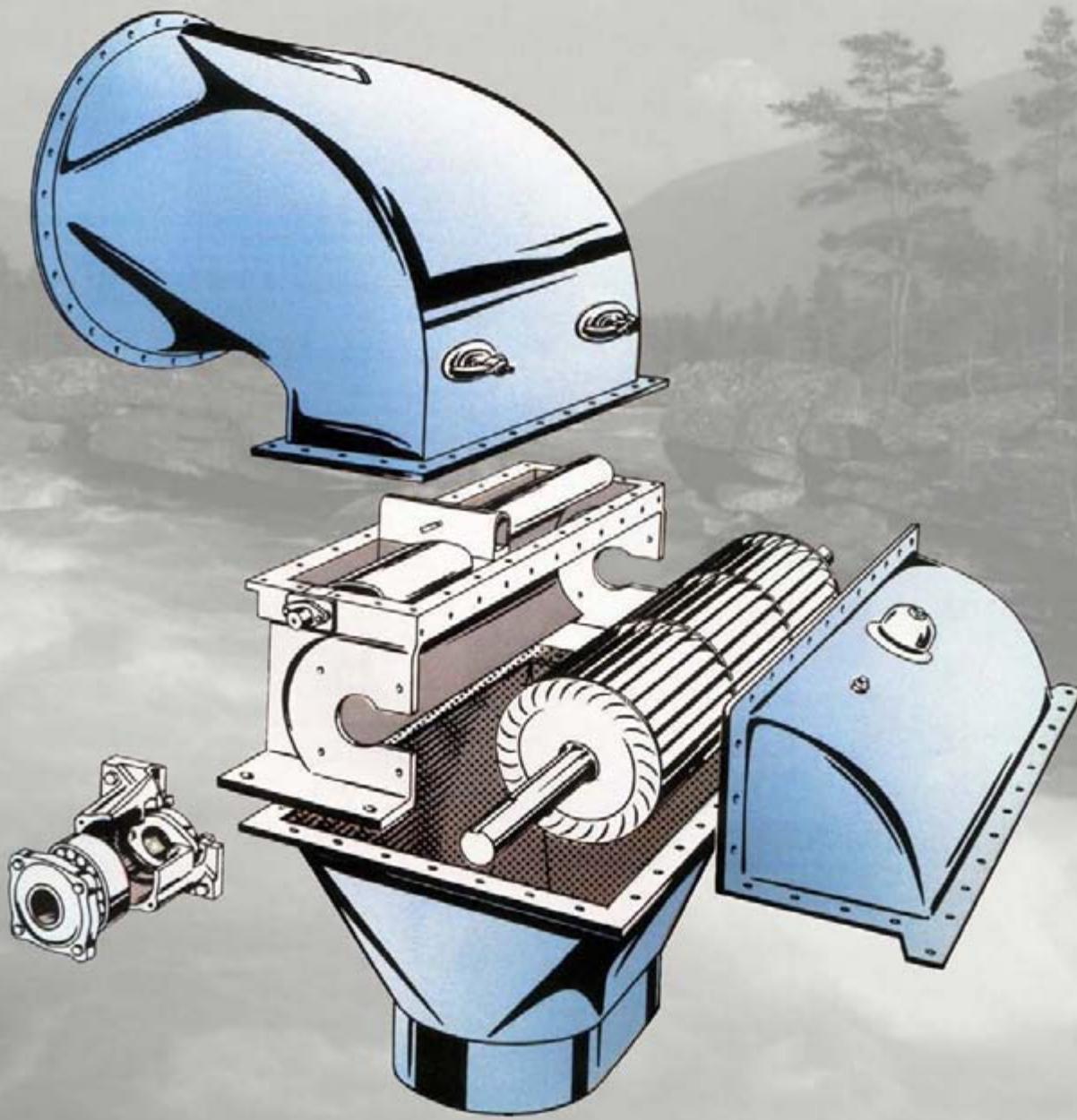
# Fish Screen Specs

- 0.3 feet/sec flow through
- 1.7 feet/sec over flow

BANOS



Ossberger Crossflow



# Environmental Review

EIS for all projects

- comprehensive
- water quality/ quantity issues

Biological Assessment for Coho Salmon

- Endangered species

FERC license

# Questions

