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Comments: I am truly impressed by the River Values Assessment document and also appreciate the call for comment. I do hope that my input is taken into consideration for the Management Plan.

Specific to the state of the native trout population in Piru Creek between Lake Piru and Pyramid Lake. I have first hand and also anecdotal reports from within the past 3 seasons not to mention the previous 15 years. Despite how dry the recent years have been, these fish persist within the drainage. Furthermore, I feel it important to add that they have been observed both near the top of the Wild and Scenic reach (near Frenchman's Flat) as well as upstream of Lake Piru; almost at the lake itself. Despite their resilience, I feel it fair to say that conditions could be better for them and we should continue to identify and hopefully execute whatever steps can be taken. My motivation is not that of an angler but someone who feels that all wildlife that represents a diminishing pool of heritage/native genetics should be protected. I wish to submit the following two suggestions for consideration:

STREAM TEMP IMPROVEMENT

Given frequent droughts and climate change, I wish to suggest that a solution be found to allow for cooler "trout friendly" water temps be released from the dam at Pyramid. I suggest this knowing well that a flow regime is already in place for the Arroyo Toad's sake however I do not believe that an adjustment in water temps would adversely affect the toad or any other native aquatic creatures.

ANGLING REGS

Despite the remoteness of much of this drainage, I would like to suggest that angling regulations be further explored and revised. Example: Barbless hooks. No take (keeping of) on trout and a generous take allowed for introduced warm water species such as carp, largemouth bass, green sunfish etc. It appears that current Regs. do have certain stipulations but not between Lake Piru and the old 99 bridge (closer to Pyramid).

- B.Y.