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Comments: My name is Randy Mullins. I am the Stream Patrol Leader at Piru Creek for FRVC. (Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corp.) I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to contribute to the CRMP. My main objective is to protect wild trout streams, particularly Piru Creek. I have fished and hiked Piru for many years. The recreation portion of Piru Creek is heavily used and abused quite a bit. Even the Wild Trout Section above the waterfall to the bridge has a lot of illegal bait fishing, evidence of empty worm containers left on the ground. The picnic area, called Frenchmans Flat is the most used area on Piru Creek. The reason for the illegal activity, graffiti, and trash is the lack of virtually no presence of Law Enforcement to the public eye. There are many rock dams built along this section. Much damage is done to the stream habitat. The water pools up, creating built up silt, warming the water temperature, reducing riparian vegetation and eliminating most aquatic insects, which has a chain reaction to the higher food chain in the stream. The water warms up, reducing oxygen and stressing the trout and native species that live there. This problem is found throughout the picnic area. But there is hope. The WSR section below Frenchmans Flat has much less use all year. The reason is the remoteness and difficulty of the terrain. The canyon narrows considerably in most areas. There is less evidence of people starting about a half mile downstream of Frenchmans Flat, and the farther in you go the less evidence of trash and graffiti. The stream has many different types of water....riffles, runs, and pools. The pools can be very deep because the canyon walls collapse and twist and turn sharply to create the fast water gouging out the bottom of long pools. These deep pools remain, even in low water conditions. Many larger trout and bass will be found there. Along the way down stream, the small trails will disappear, allowing only rock hopping to continue downstream. Many places require you to cross the stream to continue your journey. Then the trail will sometimes appear, often very hard to see. The canyon is absolutely stunning for its beauty and remoteness, hard to find so close to L.A. You will probably not see another person after about 1 mile in. There is much evidence of wildlife, particularly black bears, deer, bobcat, many species of snakes, birds, and aquatic insects, including the beautiful wild rainbow trout. Almost every trout has its distinct markings and colorations. This area of Piru Creek seems almost untouched by man. Almost like you are back in prehistoric times, or when Native Americans lived there a long time ago. I pray WSR will be protected for many generations to come. But we desperately need the funding, manpower, law enforcement, and desire to preserve this treasure. Piru Creek has a special place in my heart. God has created this place for us to enjoy and respect his mighty work. It's all up to us!