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Comments: Thank you Forest Service for bringing attention to this very important Assessment of Piru Creek.Scenery and Recreation should be added to both segments because of the outstanding opportunities so close to Los Angeles.My main focus is the fisheries in both sections.Fisheries Biologists have concluded that these wild trout have 99.9% Steelhead genes in about half the population in Piru Creek. And since they are basically Southern Steelhead, they are considered Federally Endangered Species! This amazing and rare species of trout should be protected and allowed to populate with our help.I feel Piru Creek should be catch and release with special regs on the entire 7.25 miles and all the way to Piru Lake.Other Endangered Species get special protection, why not the Wild Trout in Piru which are Endangered also. With the addition of other Endangered, Sensitive, and species of concern in Piru Creek, protections need to improve to protect native species throughout Piru Creek.Water flows have be adjusted to protect the Arroyo Toad, so why not protect the Wild Trout also.With all this said, we must have a lot more Law Enforcement presence to make this all happen. Especially in the Recreation segment. This is one of the main reasons why Piru is experiencing a lot of trash, illegal fire ring, recreation dams and right now experiencing a lot of poaching. We must have the funding , more manpower, and public awareness to make all this happen. I hope and pray these considerations will be taken seriously! I have hiked and fishing Piru for many years. I see changes that need need to take place! Please protect this rare stream, its solitude, remoteness, and wild beauty, so close to LA. Thank you.