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Caution Recommended at Caples Creek and Silver Fork American River

Placerville, CA . . . El Dorado Irrigation District is cautioning people to take care if they plan to visit Caples Creek or the Silver Fork American River from Monday, August 2, through Friday, August 6, 2010. Streamflows and water levels in Caples Creek and Silver Fork American River will be fluctuating and will likely make trail crossings hazardous and unusable.

The fluctuating streamflows and water levels are the result of test flow releases from Caples Lake, which are necessary to perform stream monitoring along Caples Creek. The district must conduct the stream monitoring as an environmental requirement of the federal license to operate EID's 21-megawatt El Dorado hydroelectric project.

The results of the monitoring will be used with other information to determine which streamflow levels are necessary to meet the ecological resource objectives for Caples Creek.

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