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## CANYON CREEK

Proposed Wild and Scenic River



### Description

Beautiful alpine lakes high in the Trinity Alps Wilderness are the source of Canyon Creek. From there, this remarkable stream flows south through scenic alpine meadows, over numerous waterfalls, through a rugged forested canyon, and past former Native American village sites and historic Gold Rush mining towns to its confluence with the Trinity River at Junction City.

Heavily degraded by past mining, Canyon Creek today runs clear and cold, supporting a healthy fishery of salmon, steelhead, and resident trout. But in recent years, Canyon Creek has been threatened by the proposed resumption of industrial mining.

A National Forest road parallels the lower half of the creek, providing access from Highway 299 to the Ripstein Campground and the Canyon Creek Trailhead – the gateway to one of the most scenic and popular hiking trails in the Trinity Alps Wilderness.

The Forest Service has recommended Canyon Creek for Wild & Scenic River protection.

### Quick Facts

**Management Agency:**  
U.S. Forest Service,  
Shasta-Trinity National Forests

**Location:**  
Trinity County, CA;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

**Watershed:** Trinity River

**Wild & Scenic River Miles:** 21.5

**Recreational Uses:**  
Hiking, backpacking, camping,  
fishing, recreational gold panning,  
all in a rugged scenic canyon with  
waterfalls, meadows, and alpine  
lakes

**Ecological Values:**  
Critical cold water refuge for  
salmon and steelhead

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