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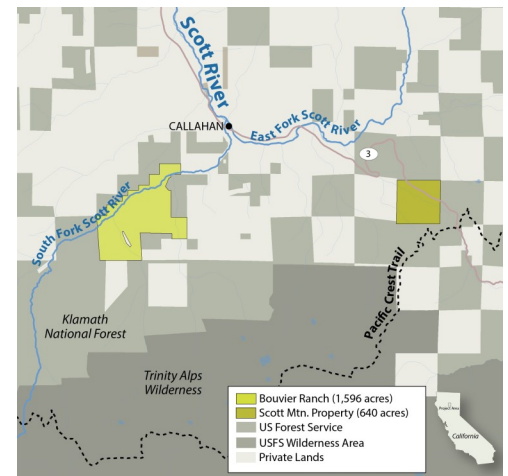
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South Fork Scott, California: Returning critically needed water flows to a critical wild coho stream

In Northern California, Western Rivers Conservancy returned critically needed water flows to the South Fork Scott River by protecting the 1,596-acre Bouvier Ranch in the scenic Scott Valley. Our efforts permanently conserved 2.5 miles of Critical Habitat for imperiled coho salmon, building on our work throughout the Klamath River basin. The South Fork Scott River is the lifeline of the state's most important wild coho stream: the mainstem Scott River. The Scott is, in turn, the largest, cleanest and coldest tributary to the Klamath. By conserving riverland properties with associated water rights, such as Bouvier Ranch, WRC has a lasting impact on river systems, especially when they are strained by summer heat, water withdrawals and low flows. We've now ensured water will stay in the South Fork Scott when the river and fish need it most, increasing summertime flows by up to 20 percent. That's a major win for fish like coho, Chinook and steelhead.

Nate Wilson photo



Panther Creek, Idaho: Advancing a 20-year effort to recover an outstanding Salmon River tributary

Last fall, WRC purchased a 110-acre property along Idaho's Panther Creek, one of the Salmon River's most important tributaries for imperiled salmon and steelhead. This spring, we successfully secured funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to convey the parcel to the Salmon-Challis National Forest for permanent protection. The effort will protect a mile of Panther Creek, including some of the river's best potential spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and steelhead, while setting the stage for restoration that will benefit fish and wildlife alike.

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