## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Officer of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit Division of Water Rights

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**RECEIVED**: August 20, 2009

**PROJECT:** Antelope Creek Ranch Restoration and Enhancement

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**APPLICANT:** Mike Michalak

**AGENT:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

COUNTY: Siskiyou

**RECEIVING WATER:** Antelope Creek **PUBLIC NOTICE:** September 15, 2009

**PROJECT STATUS:** Pending Certification Action

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Mr. Michalak owns over 300 acres of riparian land around Antelope Creek in Siskiyou County. Under previous ownership, the property was used for grazing, rock quarrying, and commercial tree harvesting that led to degradation of the creek and land. The purpose of the project is to restore and enhance the portion of Antelope Creek and the adjoining wetlands on the Michalak property. Restoration efforts will include returning a straightened creek section to the historic meandering configuration, raising and re-grading the high-flow bypass channel that has become severely downcut, and replanting riparian vegetation to secure bank stability. Enhancement portions of the project include enlarging stream-fed ponds to increase the fishery habitat and wetland area.