

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
STREAM SURVEY**

FILE FORM NO.....

NAME...East Branch Bald Hill Creek.....COUNTY...Mendocino.....
STREAM SECTION FROM.....Mouth.....TO.....Headwaters Section.....LENGTH...1.2 miles
TRIBUTARY To.....Bald Hill Creek.....TWP...20N...R16W.....SEC..9 (NW¼NE¼)
OTHER NAMES.....None.....RIVER SYSTEM....Ten Mile River.....
NAME OF SURVEYORRowell and Adams.....DATE...August 23, 1961
SOURCES OF DATA.....Personal Observation and data from Union Lumber Co. foresters.....

EXTENT OF OBSERVATION: This stream was checked by foot from the headwaters to the mouth, on August 23, 1961 by Rowell and Adams.

LOCATION - The East Branch, Bald Hill Creek flows southwest, entering Bald Hill Creek one mile north of the North Fork, Ten Mile River. (about 14 airline miles NE of Fort Bragg).

RELATION TO OTHER WATERS - The East Branch is the main tributary on Bald Hill Creek. It has good spawning and nursery areas.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: WATERSHED and IMMEDIATE DRAINAGE BASIN – The East Branch heads in mountainous terrain located within the coastal redwood belt, draining one square mile. The entire drainage has been selectively logged.

ALTITUDE - 1000 feet to 400 feet.

GRADIENT - A fairly constant moderate drop throughout except in the extreme headwater section.

WIDTH - Water averages two feet. (1' to 5'). The stream ranges from ten to forty feet from bank to bank.

DEPTH - Averages two inches (1.5" to 4").

FLOW - 1 c.f.s. throughout most of its length.

VELOCITY - Cascading to moderate throughout.

BOTTOM– Predominantly gravel, with some bedrock and boulders, sand and silt.

SPAWNING AREAS – Good except in the area above bridge barrier .9 mile upstream from the mouth.

POOLS – Small, frequent, and scattered throughout the stream.

SHELTER - Undercut banks, log jams, and roots of willows and alders growing along the bank offer good shelter and shade.

BARRIERS – Logs laid in stream bed for road crossing .9 mile from mouth forms a complete barrier. Numerous three to four foot falls created by log jams don't seem to be barriers during winter flows.

DIVERSION – None

TEMPERATURE – Water temperature taken at 1000 was 60° F. The air was 68° F.

FOOD – Excellent. Seemed to be abundant.

AQUATIC PLANTS – None noted.

WINTER CONDITIONS – Because of the short length of this stream, winter conditions are moderate, except under cloud burst conditions.

POLLUTION – None observed.

SPRINGS – Several scattered throughout the stream length.

FISHES PRESENT AND SUCCESS – Steelhead ranged from two to six inches, with the 2" to 4" group being the most predominant. Good spawning gravel and adequate food contributed to their good condition.

OTHER VERTEBRATES – None observed.

FISHING INTENSITY – Unknown.

OTHER RECREATIONAL USE – None known.

ACCESSIBILITY – The entire stream is accessible by a logging road parallel to the stream. This road ties into the Bald Hill road and then into the main North Fork Ten Mile River road.

OWNERSHIP – The entire stream is under control or ownership of the Union Lumber Co.

POSTED OR OPEN – Not posted, but permission to trespass should be obtained from Union Lumber Co. office in Ft Bragg.

IMPROVEMENTS – None noted. Removal of log jams would uncover more spawning gravel.

PAST STOCKING – None known.

GENERAL ESTIMATE – This tributary is part of an excellent steelhead spawning and nursery area. Water apparently flows the year round.

RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT – This stream should be continued to be managed as primarily for steelhead spawning and nursery.

SKETCH MAP: Attached.

REFERENCES AND MAPS - U.S. Dept of Interior Geological Survey Map.
15-minute series (Topographic)
Branscomb quadrangle - 1951

