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Public Notice

WARNING

Samples collected by The Hoopa Tribal EPA have indicated that **Soctish Creek confluence(s)** with the Trinity River has tested higher than normal for levels of Fecal Coliforms. Specifically *Escherichia Coli* (E.coli) bacteria. The Hoopa Tribal EPA uses E. coli as an indicator as it is a bacteria that comes from the intestines of warm blooded mammals. When water is contaminated with E. coli it is likely that other more harmful bacteria, protozoa and viruses may also be present.

Recreational contact i.e. Swimming or ingesting of untreated water poses a possible significant health risk. Those people who are at a higher risk for complications are small children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems. Possible complications may include stomach irritation including cramping, diarrhea and vomiting and in the most severe cases death.

TEPA advises that recreational contact of the section of stream mentioned above should be avoided during high levels of bacterial contamination. Follow up testing will be performed and when levels of bacteria have been shown to be safe for recreational contact this notice will be removed.

If you suspect that you are ill due to recent contact with contaminated water you should seek the advice of a medical professional, Kima:w Medical Center (530)625-4261.