USFS' fish testing puts Upper Truckee River off-limits

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Anglers and others wading in South Lake Tahoe's Upper Truckee River could be in for a shock – literally – if they fail to heed warning signs.

Beginning the first week of August and continuing through the summer, U.S. Forest Service crews will be using electroshocking equipment to temporarily stun and measure fish in the river.



USFS: Stay out of the Upper Truckee River. Photo/Kathryn Reed

The project is an effort to record data that will help evaluate the effectiveness of river restoration, said Cheva Heck, public affairs officer for the forest service's Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

The study will start at the river's mouth near Tahoe Keys and work toward the Highway 50 bridge in Meyers.

"Members of the public should stay out of the water and keep dogs out of the water where crews are working," Heck said. "A human or dog could receive a mild electric shock if entering the water while the fish sampling devices are on."

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