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Field Activity Advisory Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Juveniles Scheduled for Release January – March 2018

Approximately 250,000 spring-run Chinook salmon juveniles will be released to the San Joaquin River as part of the reintroduction strategy for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. The salmon will be released to the San Joaquin River in Restoration Reach 5 near State Highway 140. These broodyear 2017 juveniles will be released in groups ranging in size from 30,000 to 100,000. A subset of 700 juveniles will be tagged with acoustic transmitters and released among the larger groups. Fish will be transported from the SJRRP Satellite Incubation and Rearing Facility (SIRF) near Friant, CA.

Who: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

What: Each fish is adipose fin-clipped and fitted with a coded-wire tag to identify them as originating from the San Joaquin River. Each release group will have a unique tag code. The fish will be transported from the SIRF to the release site in a flatbed-mounted tank and tempered to river water temperatures onsite. The releases will occur in the evening to reduce the risk of predation, maximize dispersal, and to take advantage of lower in-river temperatures that will reduce tempering duration.

Where: The fish will be released in the San Joaquin River upstream of the Merced River confluence with exact locale determined based on river flows, water quality, and site conditions. Fish release sites will be accessed in coordination with private landowners.

When: January 19, January 26 and a third release on March 2.

Questions about this activity should be directed to the agency point-of-contact below.

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Questions about SJRRP field activities on public and private land should be directed to the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator below. Questions about the SJRRP should be directed to the Public Affairs Specialist below.

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Program biologists releasing juvenile salmon to the San Joaquin River (photo: S. Martarano, USFWS)

Contact the SJRRP Hotline, 916-978-4398, or email RestorationFlows@restoresjr.net if you see any problems or have any concerns.

For more information, please visit the SJRRP Web site at www.restoresjr.net or contact Josh Newcom, Public Affairs Specialist, at 916-978-5508. Field Advisories for activities are available at <http://restoresjr.net/get-involved/field-advisories/>