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Steve,

I was in Huntington Canyon doing water monitoring for Genwal today. I have been closely watching the stream flow in Huntington Creek all quarter waiting for the spring runoff to recede enough so that I can wade across the creek. As you know, Genwal has monitoring stations in Little Bear Canyon and the drainage opposite Tie Fork that require wading Huntington Creek to monitor. As the quarter is rapidly running out, I tried to cross the creek today at the Little Bear Campground but the water looked to be at least waist-deep and running very fast, dark, and cold. I didn't feel that I could cross it safely. The crossing near Tie Fork looked even more perilous.

Genwal's permit indicates that the sites in Little Bear Canyon will be marked as inaccessible if Huntington Creek cannot be crossed safely. Do you want me to call these sites inaccessible or would you rather that I perform a "second quarter" water monitoring event at these sites as soon as the stream flow in Huntington Creek settles down?

I think that the high stream flow this late in the quarter is a pretty unusual condition and is likely the result of the heavy winter snow pack coupled with the wet, cool spring we have had. I was doing the sites on top of East Mountain yesterday and there was quite a bit of snow left in the highest elevations in the surrounding areas, which makes me think that the runoff won't be letting up too soon.

Thanks,
Erik

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