

## TRINITY COUNTY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: STREAMS IMPACTED BY FIRE DEBRIS/ASH MAY BE UNSAFE TO DRINK

TRINITY COUNTY, Calif., (September 12, 2017) – A spill of ash and possible burn debris was reported to Trinity County Environmental Health (TCEH) today, Tuesday September 12, 2017. Further investigation was done in the Canyon Creek area. TCEH would like to warn the public at this time, that unknown substances may be in Canyon Creek and the Trinity River. These unknown substances from ash and burn debris could include heavy metals which are harmful to public health. TCEH wants to advise people who use seep wells or other shallow forms of surface water diversion, to be cautious of what could be in their drinking water. Trinity County Environmental Health is sending a sample of the contaminated water to the lab for analysis. For any further information on this subject please call Kristy Anderson or Hina Wyne @ 530-623-1459.