



State Route 49 Bridge

Downstream

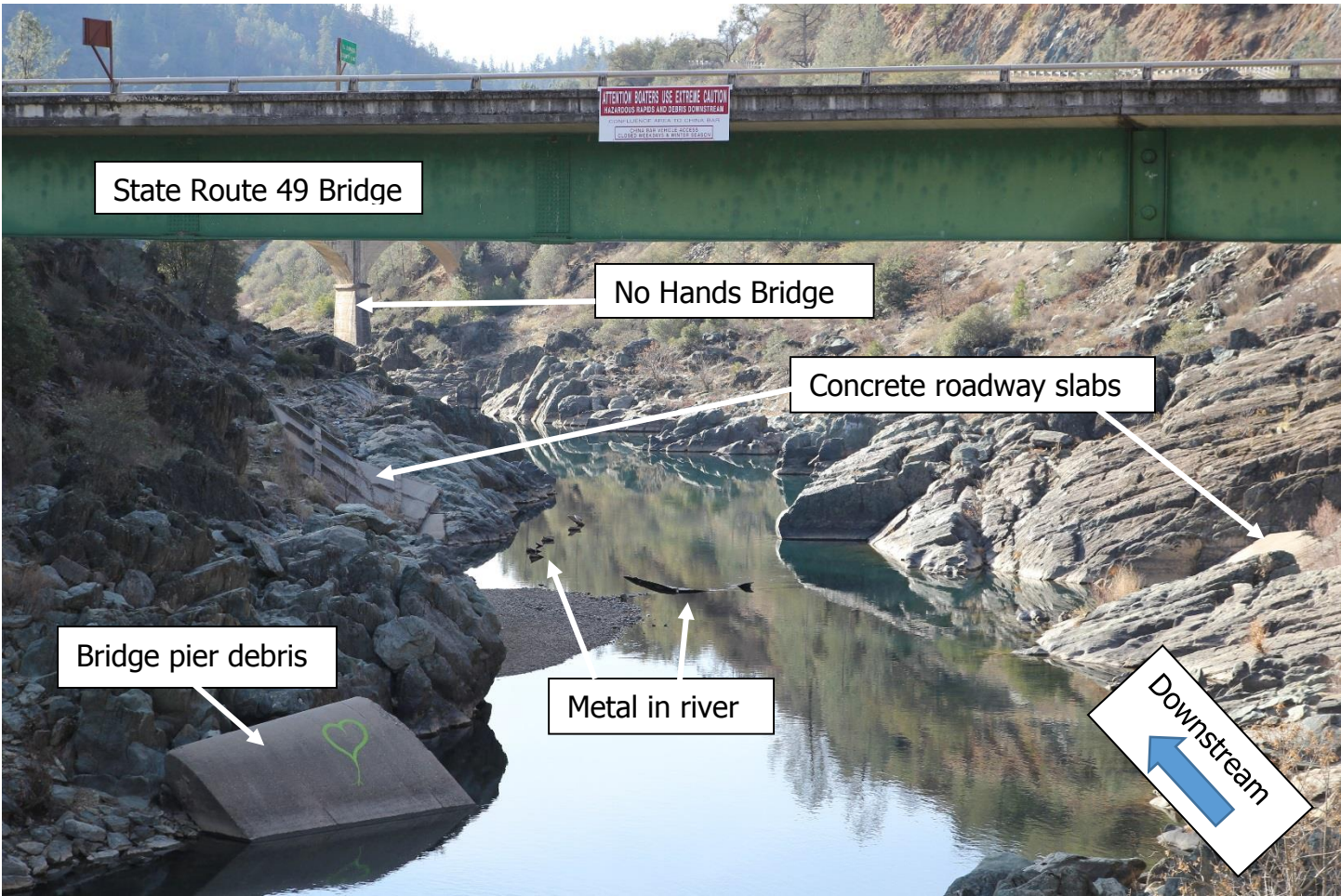
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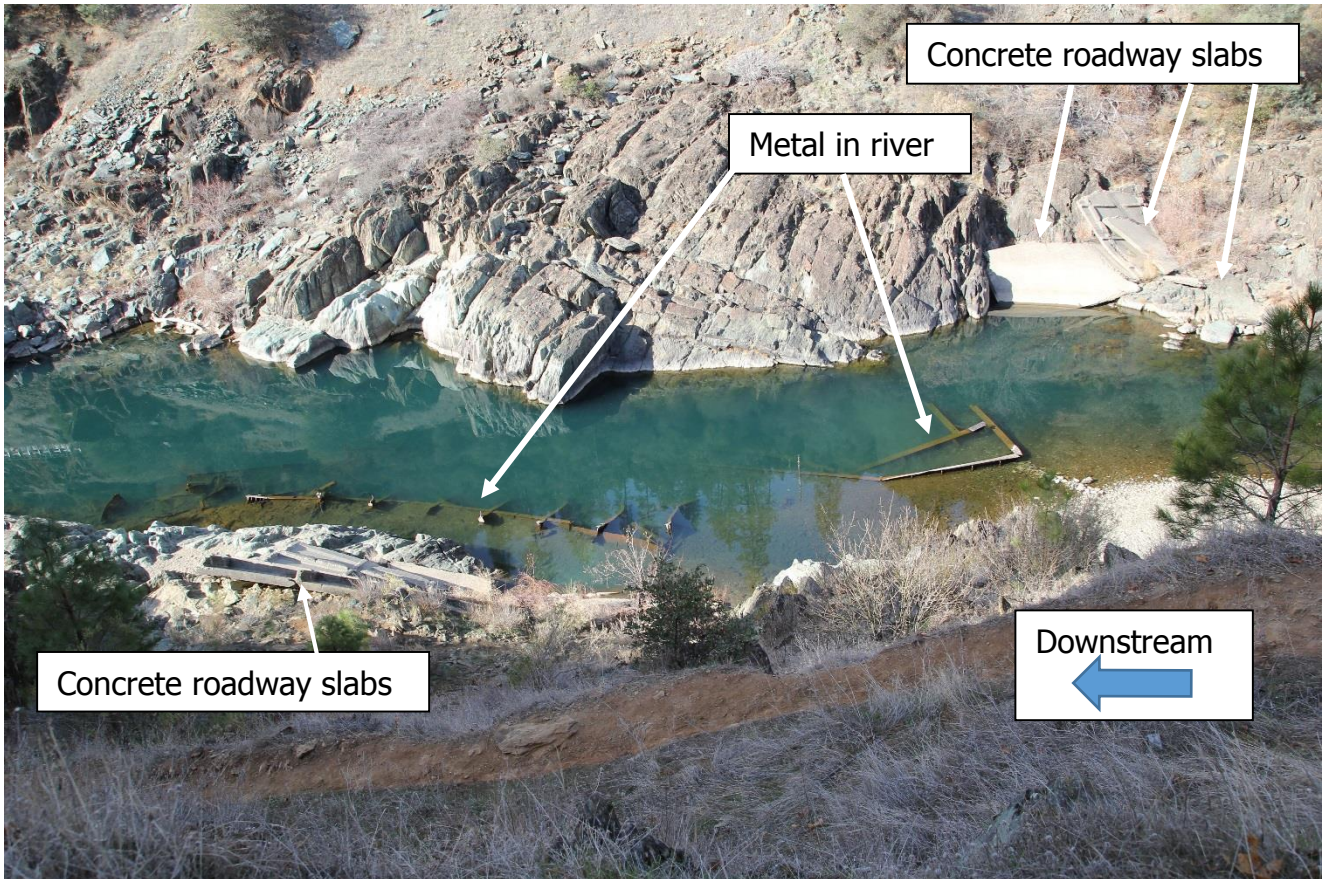
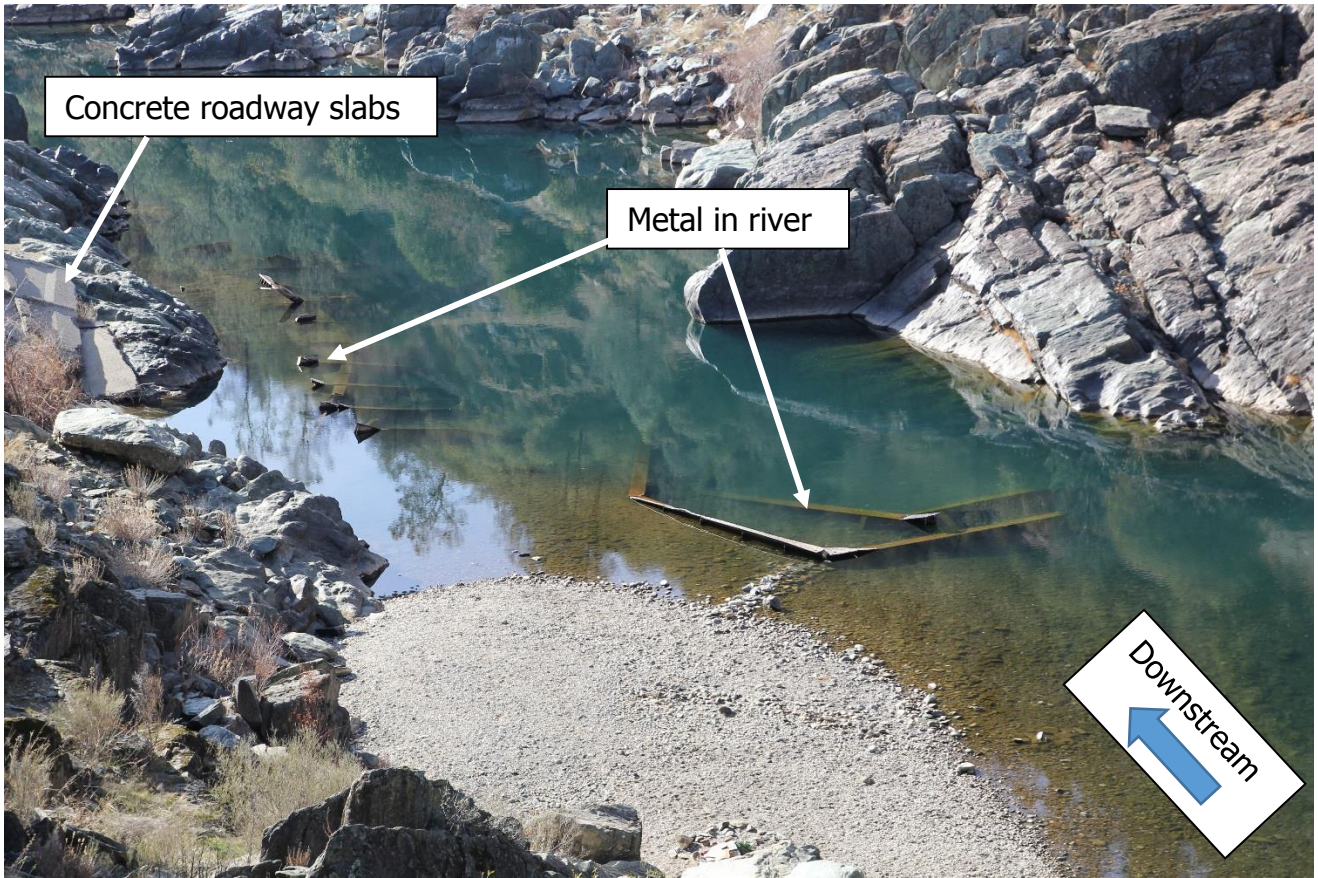
Placer County

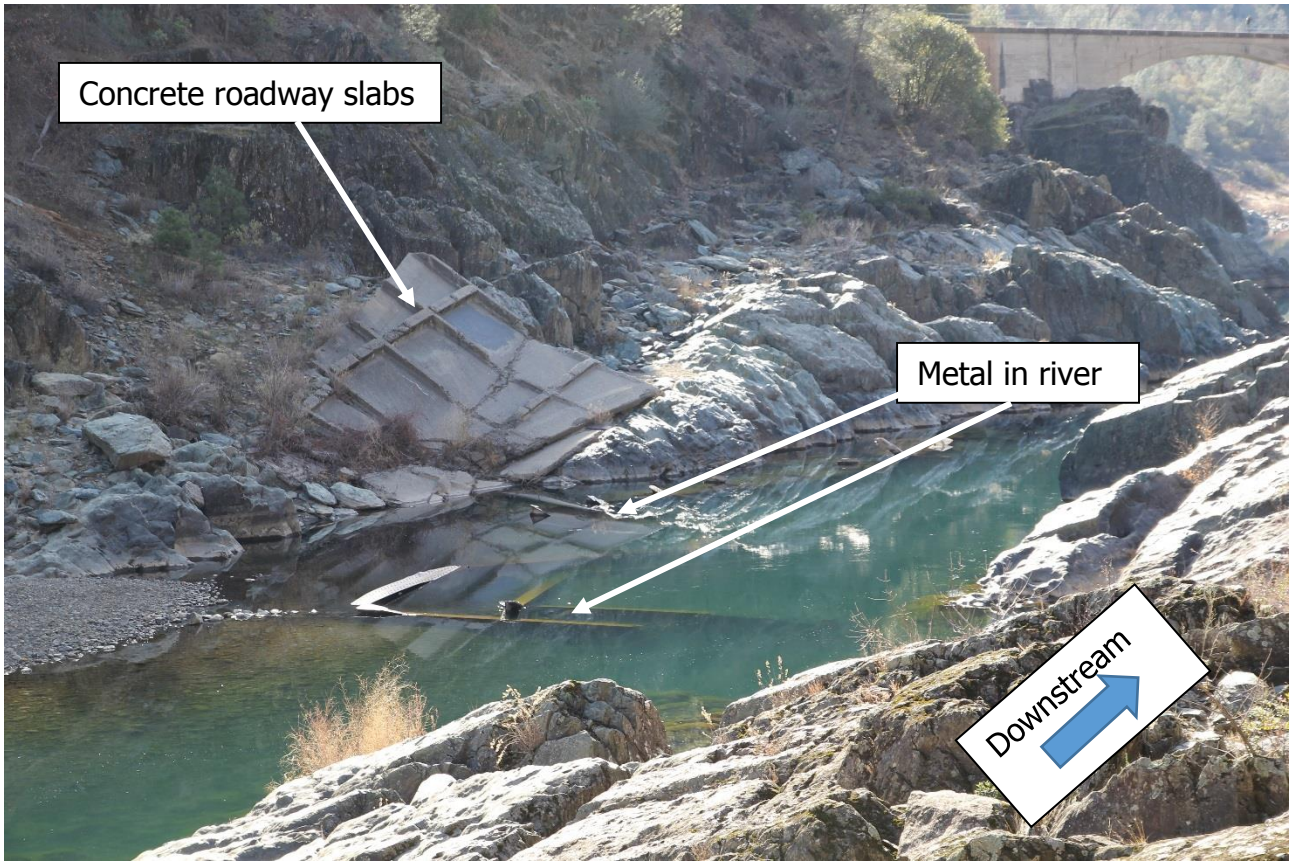
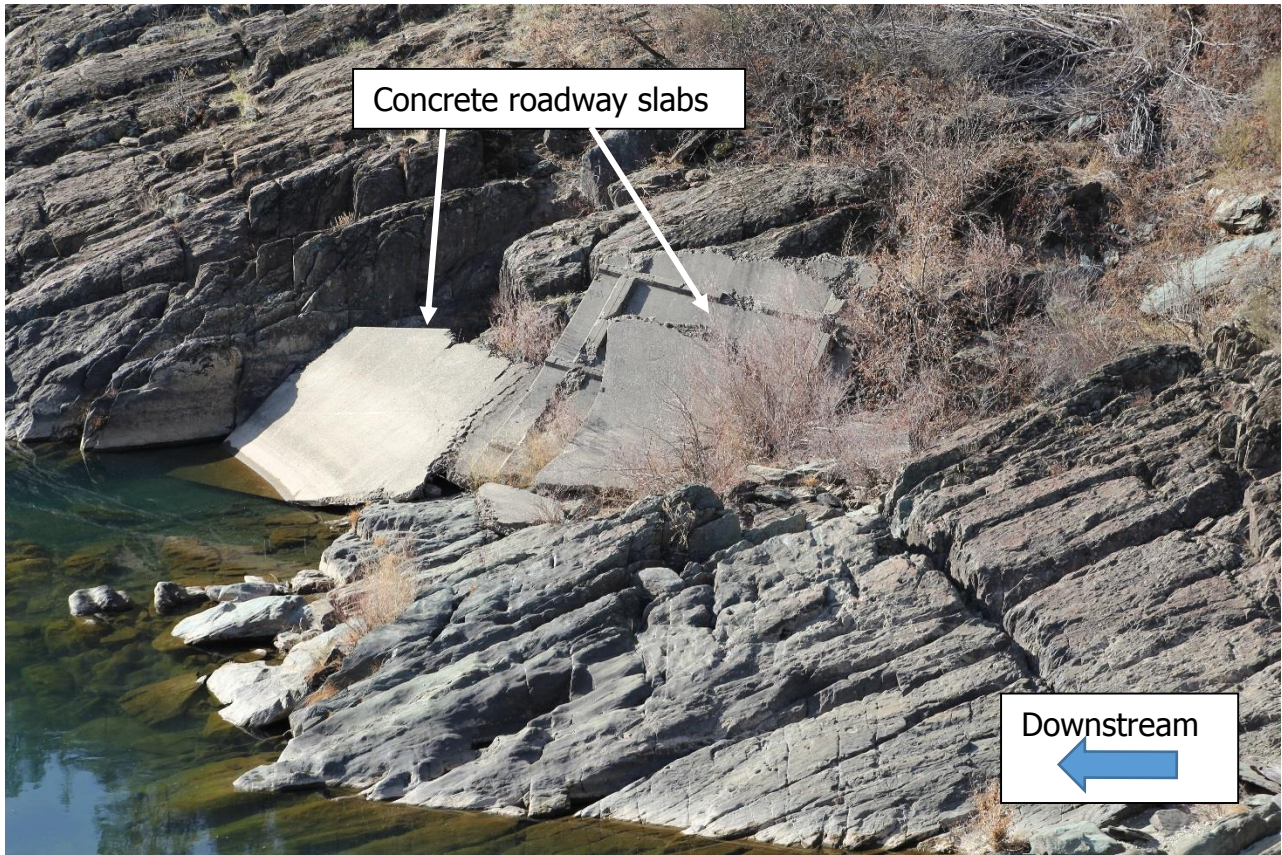
El Dorado County

No Hands Bridge
(Mountain Quarries
Railroad Bridge)



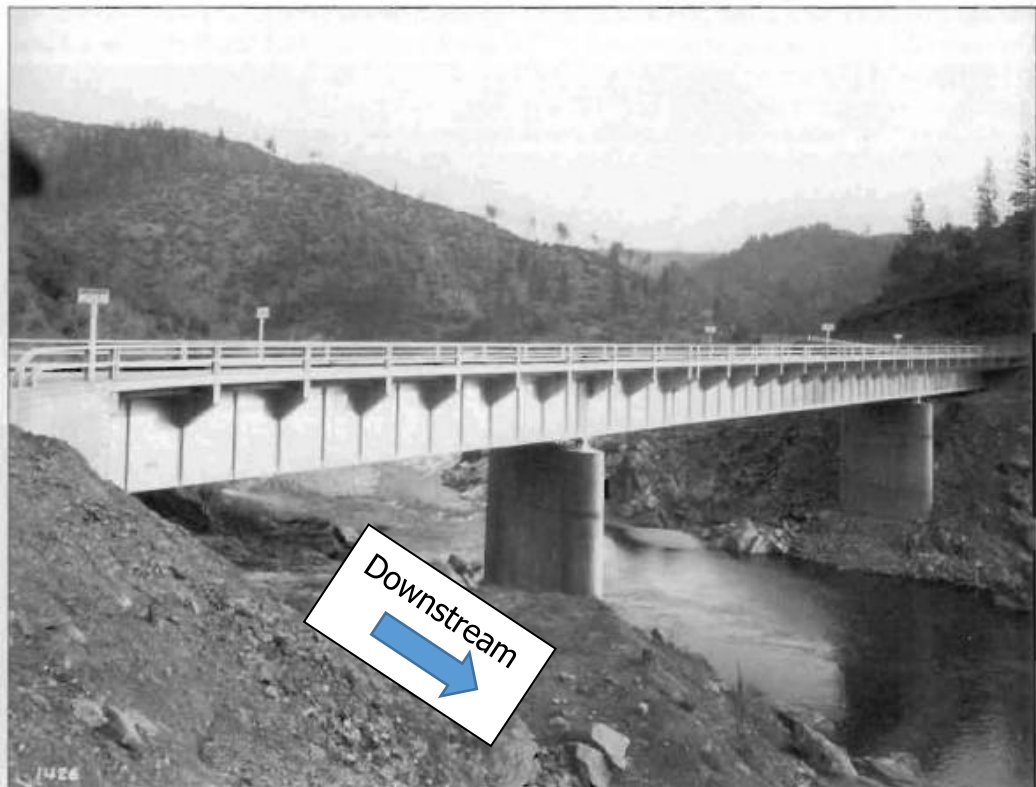








As part of the construction of a new state Highway 49 Bridge on the North Fork, four 60-ton girders were hauled down the canyon. On November 13, 1947, traffic at both ends of the grade was blocked by the California Highway Patrol, while the 127-foot-long girders were transported down the highway. A crane followed along lifting the rear end around tight corners. (Courtesy of the California Department of Transportation.)



The new 1948 bridge had two lanes, a pedestrian walkway, and was 348 feet in length. It contained 780,000 pounds of structural steel, 113,000 pounds of reinforcing steel, and 1,215 cubic yards of concrete. The bridge cost \$270,000 (\$2.25 million in 2011 dollars) and was built by H.W. Ruby. (Courtesy of the California of Department of Transportation.)

Historic Photos of State Route 49 Bridge Washed Out in 1964

Source: *American River Canyon*, R. Lee & M. G. Lynch, Arcadia Publishing, 2012, pp. 20-21