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Subject: Proposed Lake Almanor Thermal Curtain

Dear Mr. Barnes,

My name is Carmine Forcina. My family and I have been enjoying the Lake Almanor basin for over forty years. Through those years, we have enjoyed the quality of the area and especially the fishing. Now, it would seem that a proposal has come along that will threaten a quality fishery as we know it and the quality of life for homeowners and businesses.

I cannot understand how a proposal has come this far that is speculation and not fact. All sportsman know that lowering the temperature, one degree, in the North Fork of the Feather River, will not have an appreciable effect on the trout fishery of the river, but will have a devastating effect on Lake Almanor. Over the years I have witnessed and experienced first hand the decline of the fishery in the North Fork. Tampering with the water temperature, especially at a minimal level is not going to change the negative effect damming the river has had for hydro-electric facilities. However, warming the temperature of Lake Almanor will have a negative impact on the trout fishery of the lake. Also, the area relies on tourists for much of it's economy. I can say with certainty that if visitors cannot have a quality fishery at the lake they will go elsewhere. Tourists spending their vacation dollars in new areas will truly hurt the local economy.

The fact is that no one can say for sure that the thermal curtain will change Lake Almanor forever. What we do know, is that the curtain will probably not have the desired effect and that once it is in it will stay regardless of it's impact and cost.

I ask that those making the decision will take into consideration all the statements made by those that care about Lake Almanor and the surrounding area and nothing be done until water resource people can say without doubt that the Lake would not have a negative effect.

Sincerely,

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