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Subject: SAVE LAKE ALMANOR !

Mr. Barnes:

I received your brochure shortly after reading the article in the Progressive this weekend and wanted to comment about the prospect of this thermal curtain actually happening to the basin.

I am a homeowner on the Peninsula, I rent my property during the "peak season" and I am a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker DuFour Realty in Chico, Ca. I grew up in Chester and I have an extreme fondness for the area, the Lake and all it has to offer. Being from Chester I am keenly aware of the economic impacts that the town has endured over the course of the last 20 yrs. Collins Pine WAS the main employer, Stover Mountain WAS a local ski destination and Seneca Hospital WAS one of the best facilities in the area. As you are aware, NONE of these conditions exist today therefore causing the local Business Community to try to reinvent the area as a sports fishing/recreation/snow mobile area for year round enjoyment. The Chamber has spent tireless hours marketing the area all over the State including the Bay Area and the Reno/Tahoe areas as well.

This effort seems to be working as many of my renters come from the Reno or Bay areas and come back year after year to enjoy the Lake and all the amenities. My pool of renters are REPEAT people who rent every year, usually the same time of the year --- and they call me, not the other way around.

If this thermal curtain happens then it will ruin the town and it's ability to maintain any type of status as a premier recreation area. The immediate effect it will have on the real estate is hard to determine: except the real truth is it will render most of the Lake front properties virtually worthless --- , inventory will be at an all time high and people (like me) who have owned their properties for years and hoped to pass it along to their children wouldn't have anything of value to leave them. All I can think of is ClearLake.....and there's nothing Clear about that Lake !! The algae blooms, the "greenish" color of the water and the lack of native fish/birds/other wildlife will be devastating to the entire basin. Please don't let this happen.....

Most sincerely,

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