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To Whom it may concern,

I am always amazed at how people get stuck on an idea that they think is a great idea, but when you look a little deeper, its insane to us normal people. Why on earth are people trying to lower the temperature of a river downstream when this is how its been for how long? Why do you want to ruin a perfect ecological habitat in the lake in the hopes that your "plan" to lower temps downstream will pan out. Did it ever occur to the people that have made a career out of introducing "outside the box ideas" on how to preserve nature (or in this case do what they "think" is the right thing) that first off this may be a huge failure and more importantly what it will do to lake Almanor? I highly doubt it.... Or if their agenda is more important than the existing ecology. I think anyone that can look at this objectively will say the lake is just as, if not more important, than what happens downstream. Did it occur to the board that perhaps the reason the water is warmer downstream is because we have been in a drought? Perhaps the money would be better spent seeding clouds so we get more snow in the winter, so the water is cooler in the lake and thus will be colder downstream. Perhaps a massive snow pack would actually generate some runoff for summer-time so the melt-off is cold and thus the lake is colder. More importantly if the streams feeding lake Almanor flow year round the rivers downstream will actually have water in them which today should be the deeper concern. This may have been a brilliant idea 10 years ago, but the more important issue today is having ANY water in the rivers downstream, not how warm or cold it is.

Wake up its not the year 2000 anymore! Ditch this idea.... Stop pushing something that has ZERO relevance to the year 2015! Get your priorities straight people, move on....

It almost seems to me that anyone working on pushing this through has not stayed up on current events if they had the temperature of the rivers would not be the concern its the lack of water in them. These same people likely have never been to Lake Almanor or the surrounding area, they look at these "ideas" on a computer screen, they have not seen first hand what the streams do when the snow pack is good and bad.

Has anyone noticed that the flow downstream has been diminished by the lack of snow pack over the years? That all reservoirs are low in CA? I would argue that this is more pressing than lowering the water temp downstream by a few degrees especially since the flow will be substantially less than it has historically. Wouldn't that affect the fish and animals more so than a warmer flow of water? I think this is a typical governmental do gooder ploy and will have disastrous consequences and that after the fact, if this insane idea is shoved down our throats, will prove to have been a tremendous mistake and quite frankly can kill our flourishing beautiful healthy lake.

Spend the budget on seeding clouds, this will benefit more than a few fish downstream, as it will provide water for them to live in, perhaps the right temperature also. This will also help all other wildlife not only downstream but in our lovely Lake Almanor.

Thank you for taking the time to read my input, I am passionate about Lake Almanor and would hate to see the powers that be ruin one of the most beautiful places on earth.

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