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Mr
Barnes!

My wife and I have owned property at Lake Almanor since 1993 and fish the lake often. Due to the increasing water temperatures during the months of June through Sept., the entire upper basin of the lake gets a blue green algae bloom and an aquatic weed growth that extends to the lake surface. This bloom, weed growth, and increased water temperature already impact water clarity, oxygen content, and fishing quality in this area of the lake.

Because of this warming water during the summer months, the algae bloom has reached as far south as the forest service boat ramp and the Plumas Pines resort. Both are located on the western shore and are approximately 1/3 to 1/2 the distance from the north shore campground and the dam. They are popular camping, fishing, and recreation locations.

Removal of cold water through the proposed cold water curtains, either via the Prattville outlet or the dam, will increase the water temperature in the entire lake and would promote the algae bloom and its spread toward the southern basin.

Sincerely, The Zimmers Family