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Mr. Barnes,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed "Thermal Curtain" being considered for Lake Almanor.

As I understand it this very expensive yet unproven theory is being pushed forward because of the environmental impact of warmer water temperatures in the river at a much lower altitude. While other simpler, less costly measures have been suggested but apparently waived away without explanation, the curtain moves downward.

Has a reverse environmental impact study been done on the effect the curtain will have on Lake Almanor and the surrounding Almanor Basin? What will the warmer water do to the existing trout fishery? How about the growing small mouth bass population? Will the eagles, osprey, grebes and the adjacent wildlife be unaffected? Where is the science related to those questions?

I feel that you personally would probably have a more sympathetic and pragmatic understanding of this situation if you were not forced forward by compliance obligations. Notwithstanding those precepts it is people placed like yourself that we citizens rely upon to bring common sense and good judgment to issues like this. We expect you to fight this inane idea.

If you have a suggestion on what I can do to become more of a voice on this issue I would very much like to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted.

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