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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist  
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Dear Mr. Barnes,

We are writing to voice our concerns against the proposed Thermal Curtain. We moved to beautiful Lake Almanor California in 1976 with our young family. We moved here because we fell in love with our beautiful pristine lake. Our two children have since moved back into the area and have started a school where our son is the Headmaster and our daughter is a teacher. All five of our grandchildren attend. Needless to say our family loves the area and have enjoyed the lake and all of it's benefits for many years.

To put a Thermal Curtain on Lake Almanor would hurt the lake and our community in so many ways. Foremost is the fishing that would certainly be impacted by increasing the temperature of the waters. That in turn would cause nasty algae to grow and ruin the lake for swimming, skiing, and maybe even sailing. I would not allow my grandkids to swim in water that is polluted with algae and grasses growing. It would be a worry thinking of the possibility of them getting tangled in the roots. Don't know if Clear Lake in CA has a thermal curtain but we do know that it has algae and the whole color of the water sometimes is disgusting. The curtain itself is a danger and an eye sore for all that look out on this beautiful setting. It is to be placed close to the area where there is camping and I'm sure that boaters either fishing or coming back from an evening of eating on the water could hit one of those buoys that are the size of 500 gal propane tank will cause injury and maybe even death.

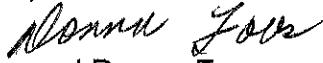
Our area has been hit hard in the last six years by the downturn in the economy and some of our commercial business are just hanging on by the skin of their teeth. Others have closed their doors. We are working hard to keep Chester and the Almanor area alive and to put a curtain in the lake would be very destructive and detrimental to the economical well being of the whole Almanor Basin.

Doing this and spending millions of dollars to hurt our area all for the possibility (not fact or a sure thing) of lowering the temperature of the lower elevations of the Feather River make no sense to us and we beg you to find another solution to your dilemma.

We built a home on a lakefront lot twenty two years ago and have a concern on what a Thermal Curtain would do to the value of our home. We are on the North East side of the lake and would not see the curtain from our house but lakefront owners on the west side of the lake have a very deep concern for their property value.

So in closing we beg you to reconsider your plans and find another solution that would help the fishing on the lower parts of the Feather River. Thank you for reading and listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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Dan and Donna Foss