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Listed below are points of interest that may enhance your report.

- \* I am broken hearted every year when I witness the waste of salmon in the trucks and vehicles of the Native Americans as they throwaway what they haven't sold in their fish take that day. Witnessed in Fort Jones and along the River.
- \* In approximately 2008 people claiming to be Karuk members were found to have fertilized the algae in the upper part of the river. Forcing the toxic bloom that year. No one involved denied what had taken place
- \* The health study done on those with exposure in Copco Dam and surrounding waterways was fruitful of no evidence the water was hazardous. As a matter of fact people were discluded from the study when they presented with clean history.
- \* When the dam was drawn down year before last, hundred of clams died(natural filtrations for the water) along with other delicate and endangered wildlife, such as the Sucker fish. Raccoons, opossums, fox, miners cats and more feasted on the exposed. Nature being what it is the following birthing cycle exploded but no extra food to eat. Wildlife die due to starvation or if they survive they eat domestic chickens and other pets.
- \* 2 years ago when the wildfire came over the hills from Oregon, resulting in over 200,000 burned acres, the only water available was from Copco. This water saved human and animals lives. I stood on my porch and watched the dips every 10-12 seconds. Then came they order to evacuate. Did you know that insurance does not have to pay for evacuation in this event, only if you present with medical emergent conditions and need care at the hospital. The children kept asking are we going to die, tough issue.
- \* without the water migratory birds will be unable to rest, have their young. This dam becomes a sanctuary for them
- \* this body of water becomes feeding/watering ground for baled and golden eagles, raptors, white pelicans, Canadian geese, mountain lions, deer, miners cats, fox, raccoons, opossums, bears and more
- \* Cultural fishing zones for immigrants who visit daily to augment the food for their families. It also supplements many who are on fixed incomes and would go hungry without
- \* the cliffs that remain will be subject to erosion creating dangerous and possibly death to those that remain living in the areas.
- \* What is left behind will become a dead basin as the water supply leaves. The forrest will wither as well as the many healing plants and vegetation.
- \* The sacred burial grounds of the Shasta Nation will again be desecrated. Please contact Mrs. Betty Hall for further information as she is the designated historian and docent.
- \* During the last firestorm the roads collapsed under the weight of the equipment.
- \* I would also look at the science used to present impact studies.
- \* The resource and fund generation from harvesting the bluegreen algae is incredibly being wasted.

In conclusion I appeal to the science of the area. The water is safe, peoples lives are at stake that live by the dams and no one wants to listen to other sides of the story. It is so tragic.