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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist  
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Dear Mr Barnes,

I have a tremendous concern for Lake Almanor and the surrounding areas which offer a huge chunk of God's handiwork for any and all to enjoy. The lives, the business, the livings of the people in Chester and surrounding areas depend on the lake. Fishing a major magnet drawing people to the lake and providing people in the area the opportunity to make a living. Beyond that, Lake Almanor is a place where nature thrives as it is.

Have a look at the Thermal Curtain project from an ecological perspective. You would seriously alter and therefore damage the Lake Almanor fishery. Almanor is a shallow lake. If you suck the cold water off the bottom, you will raise the temperature of the entire lake beyond what the pattern is.

The small mouth bass won't be much effected, but the different trout species will be. The plan is to alter the make up of the Lake Almanor waters in order to meet the cries of some special interest groups who seem to care less about the ecology or economy of Lake Almanor.

If the project could be completed for no cost, the project STILL would make no sense. Spending a reported \$55 million to favor one by destroying another is ethically, and financially wrong. The lake is the lake, and the river is the river. No, I do not think that is profound in itself, but what would be profound would be the damage to the ecology. Bacteria, plant growth, fish procreation, and what else will be changed?

This issue is not favoring one watershed over another. The issue is a matter of damaging a fishery and ecology that has been providing recreation, species survival and growth, and a livelihood to a community for decades to marginally improve downstream conditions for the trout people? The folks of Lake Almanor are not asking you to destroy the down stream trout in favor of the Lake Almanor fishery and all that that entails. The folks of Lake Almanor are just asking you not to destroy theirs . . . Lake Almanor.

Please, do not follow through with the Thermal Curtain and the damage it would create.

Sincerely,



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