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March 15, 2015

Re: Thermal Curtain
Lake Almanor

Dear Mr. Barnes,

As an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, I am appalled about the adverse ecological, biological, and economic effects the proposed "Thermal Curtain" will have on Lake Almanor, I have fished Lake Almanor since 1972, summer vacations for 20 years and purchased a home there in 1992, and know the Lake and its outstanding fish resources very well. Since purchasing a home there, this is where we spend from 5 to 6 months every summer fishing everyday when the weather permits. There are four generations of our family plus other family members that visit us there every summer along with approximately twenty five to thirty friends that come there to visit and fish beautiful Lake Almanor and enjoy the mountain air.

The Lake is a COLD WATER FISHERY! Draining off a large portion of its cold water via the thermal curtain will inevitably effect the quality of the fishing, particularly for the cold water species (Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon, and Smallmouth Bass). As the water temperature rises, adverse vegetation including a variety of algae will "chock out" areas previously rich in their fishing resources. Finally, the economic viability of those resorts and businesses which depend on the outstanding fishing and recreational activities afforded by Lake Almanor will seriously suffer or disappear.

I hope you will use all of your expertise and influential decisions making to oppose the thermal curtain and its attendant adverse effects on the survival of this valuable resource.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Francis Ouellette