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Dear Sirs

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Please Help Us

FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

SAVE LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT VALLEY LAKE STOP PG&E'S PROPOSED COLD WATER THERMAL CURTAINS!!

- **CURTAINS WILL HAVE MAJOR ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ON LAKE ALMANOR BASIN:**
 1. Curtain will create environmental devastation to Lake system
 2. Curtain removes and sends downstream 50% of Lake's cold water
 3. Water temperature rise will kill fish, create large algae blooms
 4. Earthen berms will damage the Almanor watershed
 5. Ugly curtain (14 football fields in area) will be major eyesore
 6. Dredging and 42,000 cubic yds. spoils pile disturbs Maidu burial sites
 7. Butt Lake curtain will seriously degrade its fish habitat
- **CURTAIN WILL CREATE MAJOR ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO REGIONS ECONOMY:**
 1. 40% reduction in trophy trout/salmon habitat decimates fishing economy
 2. Deteriorated water quality decimates tourism, camping and boating
 3. Downturn negatively impacts local employment
 4. Property values in basin eventually face significant declines
- **CURTAIN WILL COST AT LEAST \$54 MILLION TO BUILD:**
 1. Zero net benefits to Lake Almanor Basin but paid for by PG&E Taxpayers
 2. Scientific Studies show Curtain has negligible positive impact downstream.
Studies have identified better methods to improve downstream fish habitat:
Habitat improvement, better food supply, increase stream flows.

Many thanks for reading this letter. Any action you
can take to stop thermal curtain would
be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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