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FEDERAL ENERGY  
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My name is Hugh Moncur and I am currently and have been a voter, taxpayer, homeowner and fulltime resident of Plumas County, California since June of 1999.

I am an avid flyfisherman who has enjoyed the lakes and rivers of Plumas County since the 1950's having had relatives established in Quincy, California, also in Plumas County.

I am writing this letter to express my extreme displeasure with the proposed "Thermal Curtains" to be installed at Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir.

As a result of these installations, the cold water fishing experience enjoyed by many thousands of persons each year will most certainly curtailed and possibly eliminated resulting in a tremendous loss of dollars to the Lake Almanor Basin. This would ~~most~~ most certainly include the closing of many tourist related businesses and severe drop in real estate values.

This is taking place because a few special interest groups pressured PG&E into signing the Rock Creek-Cresta Agreement under threat of lawsuits which would interrupt the relicensing process now taking place for hydroelectric facilities in the Feather River Canyon.

The "Thermal Curtains" are being proposed in order to lower the tempature in the Rock Creek-Cresta reach by perhaps two degrees at the cost of approximately 54 million dollars to allegedly "save the native trout." From my experience in fishing the Feather River Canyon over many years, the trout population is very marginal at best, and in addition, unless one is akin to a mountain goat, that area is very steep, rocky, and very dangerous even for the most experienced users.

Therefore, I urge you as officials, who are supposed to represent all of the people, and not just a few special interest groups, to put an immediate end to this unproven multi-million dollar experiment which will most certainly spell financial disaster for the Lake Almanor Basin area of Plumas County, California.

Sincerely



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