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FEDERAL ENERGY
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Project 2105
North Fork Feather RiverDear Commissioners,

As an angler, recreationalist, and supporter of Lake Almanor, I am concerned that Conditions 1(B) and 6 included in the California State Water Resources Control Board's Section 401 water quality certification will have a devastating negative impact on our lake, community, and fishery. The supplemental cold-water withdrawals from Lake Almanor envisioned during summer months to reduce water temperatures in the North Fork Feather River will be especially harmful, should those conditions be included in the new license. Lake Almanor is a world-renown cold water fishery, producing record setting Rainbow and German Brown Trout, drawing sportsmen and fishermen from across the Western US. Almanor also attracts thousands of vacationers every summer, many spending their entire summer here to enjoy the boating, water sports, and cooler summer temperatures offered here. The Dixie fire of 2021 burned 404,005 acres of the Plumas National Forest. The majority of the 963,309 acres burn scar is within the Feather River Watershed. Forty percent of Plumas Counties economy is based upon tourism. Lake Almanor is the crowned jewel of Plumas County and the driving force of our economy. The future of Plumas County hinges upon Lake Almanor's cold water. It will take years before we realize the impacts of the Dixie Fire on our environment. I am terrified by the prospect of FERC approving Conditions 1(B) and 6 and the impacts to Plumas Counties economy, Lake Almanor's fishery and the residents of Plumas County's way of life. Please do not make a decision that could seal our fate, and please agree to maintain the original settlement agreement of 2004, with no additional cold-water releases from Lake Almanor.

Thank you,

John M. Pyle
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