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Mr. Don Kelly
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1001 Jedsmith Drive
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In re: Ralston Lake Dam

Dear Don:

Enclosed herewith is letter from Haven Jorgensen, who runs Echo Chalet. Jorgy undoubtedly presently has more first hand information about Echo Lake and the spawning in Tamarack Creek than anyone else, and I know you will find the matters stated therein of interest.

Very truly yours,

Darrel E. Pierce

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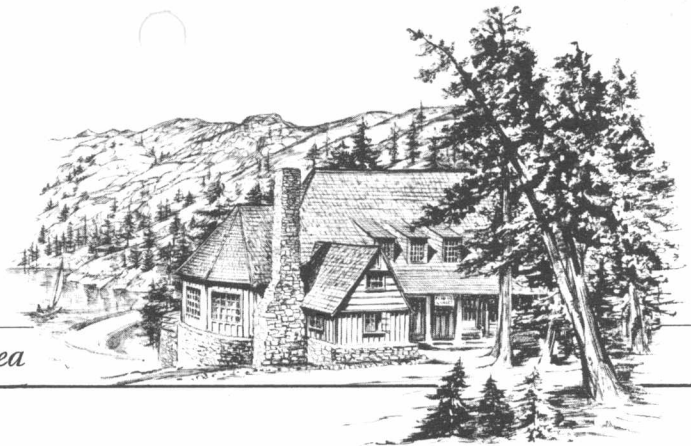
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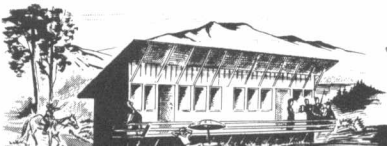
Dear Darrell:

8/10/57

I never have had enough leisure time to really make a serious check on fish spawning in Tamarack Creek by like every avid sportsman I never pass it by without looking for fish. My patrols and other activities take me there enough that I have observed spawning fish. The greatest number have been Kokanee but I have seen Browns in the fall & rainbow moving upstream in early June.

Each year quite a number of nice fish are taken by fishermen and as the stream dries up the pools ^{are filled with} good numbers of small fish. Practically all of this fish life is lost in a dry year.

I'm positive without question, that making Tamarack Creek a year long



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live stream & natural propagation possible, would greatly add to the Echo Lake fishery. The Kokanee's have proved they can maintain themselves & need all the help that can be given them. The same goes for all the species of trout that need spawning grounds.

An added bonus will derive from improving conditions in Echo Creek, outlet of Echo to its junction with the Truckee. Many fish work down the outlet out of Echo & spawn in Echo Creek. More water will help the fry survive & work on back into Echo or down into the Truckee.

I know the check dam will have the support of all Echo Lakers. With the assurance of permanent water, volunteer stream improvement work can be undertaken.

Incidentally now there seem to be many more Kokanee spawning in June than in the fall. Most likely due to lack of fall spawning water. Sincerely
H. W. Jorgensen