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Dear Mr. Ehresman:


Thank you for your view of the proposed plan to introduce cutthroat trout into the Upper Truckee River.

The issues you raised regarding success of brook trout in the area are valid. Replacing brook trout with cutthroat is a difficult decision to make; however, perpetuating native Lahontan cutthroat trout is a high priority item. In some cases, we may have to replace an existing fishery in order to assure that cutthroat trout are preserved as one of our natural resources.

The proposed treatment program will not be carried out this year. We have postponed the project pending completion of a management plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which will describe all the actions necessary to preserve this fish in California and Nevada. This plan should be completed early next year.

Again, thank you for your comments on this project.

Sincerely,

  
Paul T. Jensen  
Regional Manager

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