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To: Mr. John T. Legget, Executive Officer
Lahontan Regional Water Pollution Control Board
407 W. Line Street
Bishop, California

Date: November 7, 1955

File No.

Subject: Upper Truckee River,
El Dorado County

From: Department of Fish and Game

The Department of Fish and Game has received information that a gravel extraction and washing operation is going to be carried out on the Upper Truckee River adjacent to Highway 50. The exact location of the operation is on the land of Walter Broder and is located on the Upper Truckee River between the Upper and Middle Highway 50 crossings.

The Department of Fish and Game is particularly concerned about the effects of this operation on the water quality of the Upper Truckee River. As you know, this is the most important spawning stream for the fisheries of Lake Tahoe and it is an intensively used recreational area during the summer months.

We are exceedingly anxious that this operation does not cause pollution of this stream. We suggest that the Lahontan Regional Water Pollution Control Board establish requirements to govern this waste discharge. Unfortunately, we do not know the name of the operator but we understand that the operation will be started in the very near future.

It is our recommendation that requirements be established in this instance that will adequately protect the fish, wildlife and recreational uses of this stream, including a prohibition on settleable solids which will tend to destroy spawning areas. We also believe that any increase in turbidity of the stream should be very severely curtailed during the summer recreational season, as well as the period when fish are migrating upstream to spawn.

We are planning to send you any additional information which we may secure on this proposed operation.

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Robert M. Paul
Water Projects Coordinator

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Mr. John Leggett
Executive Officer
Lahonton Water Pollution Control Board

November 18, 1955

UPPER TRUCKEE RIVER,
EL DORADO COUNTY

Our Water Projects Co-ordinator, R. M. Paul, wrote to you on November 7 about a future gravel washing operation on the Upper Truckee River, El Dorado County.

At that time, we did not know the name of the operator. He is Mr. Vissilly Backeroff, and his address is Al Tahoe. This operation is expected to start in the spring.

Mr. Henry Butler of Tahoe Valley has extracted gravel from the Upper Truckee River at various times in the past, and should be notified of any requirements that are set.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Kelley
Assistant Fisheries Biologist
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cc: R. M. Paul

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