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G. T. McCoy
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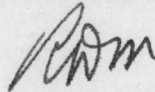
Dear Mr. McCoy:

We note with interest that the California Highway Commission has proposed a route for a four-lane freeway through the South Lake Tahoe area. The suggested route crosses the Upper Truckee River at two points and also crosses Trout Creek.

Since the Upper Truckee River is the most important tributary of Lake Tahoe for the spawning of trout and kokanee salmon, and along with Trout Creek affords fishing for a large number of people, the Department of Fish and Game is concerned over possible damage to the streams during the course of highway construction.

Department of Fish and Game fisheries personnel would welcome the opportunity of conferring with engineers from the Division of Highways during the planning stages of this project. We feel confident that methods can be worked out for constructing the necessary bridges without damaging the fisheries resources or the quality of fishing in the Lake Tahoe area. We would appreciate any assistance that you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Robert D. Montgomery
Regional Manager

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