

Upper Truckee
El Dorado Co

Erosion Control

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1001 Jedsmith Drive
Sacramento 19, California

August 23, 1960

Mr. Ray Chism, Supervisor
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
County Court House
Placerville, California

Dear Ray:

In the past we have had several discussions about the importance of the Upper Truckee River as a spawning tributary for Lake Tahoe trout. This importance is growing each day, and the chances of our saving this stream are getting worse. We feel rather strongly that now is the time for an all out effort to control the erosion on the Upper Truckee.

Before long we will have thousands of little lot owners to deal with instead of a few ranchers or real estate men. Obviously, we need the help of the County Government.

I am enclosing a short report of the problem, and a cost estimate, and a proposal for solution.

We will greatly appreciate your bringing this to the attention of the County Board of Supervisors, and others whom you believe can and will help.

There is so much to be done that almost any group can make some contribution, and in many cases it does not have to cost them anything except perhaps a little time.

The total cost of this project seems large to those of us who deal in smaller figures, but when you compare it with the cost of highway construction or work of this nature, it is indeed very small. We feel the preservation of the only large spawning tributary for Lake Tahoe is worth the cost estimated.

I think that one of the important steps the County can take is the passing of regulations that would prohibit people from causing erosion on the Upper Truckee.

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I do not know if this is possible, but I would welcome the opportunity to present this problem to the Board of Supervisors, or the County Planning Commission.

Very truly yours

Don W. Kelley
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cc: J. R. Leamon, F&G Warden

George Warner, Fisheries Management Supervisor