

Region II
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Sacramento 19, California
February 3, 1961

*Tahoe
Truckee
River*

Frank W. Groves, Director
Nevada Fish and Game Department
P. O. Box 678
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Dear Frank:

As you know, the Tahoe Valley area is rapidly being turned into a vast subdivision. Our contacts with those who are effecting this change lead us to believe that we must lose no time if we are to complete our project of erosion control on the Upper Truckee River. We want to expand our pilot project and do similar erosion control work on the entire Upper Truckee from the Alpine Campground to the lowest bridge on Highway 50. The work would be done only, of course, where it is needed. Our plans for erosion control fit in very nicely with plans of most of the land owners, and we believe that we will have no difficulty in getting their permission to go ahead.

We expect to ask the Wildlife Conservation Board for sufficient funds to do this job, and we believe that they will grant them.

The one problem we have not solved is the one of maintaining the project after it is completed. We expect that this will mainly consist of the individual landowners refraining from doing anything to the stream banks which might once again start erosion. No doubt there will be some costs to maintenance, but the Wildlife Conservation Board can not provide money for this. Once the area is broken up into several hundred small lots, the problem of requiring each lot owner to treat the stream banks with care becomes even more difficult.

Yesterday Don Kelley met with Mr. Jim Wilson of the Tahoe Paradise Corporation and of the Meyers Water Company to discuss this problem. Mr. Wilson is on the Board of Directors of the Tahoe Area Council. He suggested that the Tahoe Area Council would be very much interested in this project and may be able to organize a district that could protect the banks of the stream and even provide funds for future maintenance. We expect to present our plans to the Council soon. We believe that rehabilitation of Upper Truckee as a spawning tributary will be of great

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benefit to all of the area the Council represents. As in the case of the recent water rights hearing, we would like your support. If both the California and the Nevada Fish and Game Departments agree that this project will greatly benefit fishing in Lake Tahoe, we believe that the Council will support it. If one of us expresses doubt, they may not. We will keep you informed of any future meetings we have with the Council and when we present our plan to them, we would like very much to have you or Tom Trelease there to support us.

We have been working on this Upper Truckee rehabilitation program for many years and believe that the time has come to put our plans and our experiments into effect. We hope to be able to make a very significant start during the coming summer.

Sincerely yours,

Bob.

Robert D. Montgomery
Regional Manager

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Mr. Thomas J. Trelease
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Dear Tom:

Thanks kindly for your letter of March 27, 1961 in regard to support for our Upper Truckee erosion control program. We are glad to have your vote of confidence on the program and hope that we will be able to get something done this year on it. At least we hope to get approval of the land owners, necessary easements and necessary financing this year so that we can proceed as early next spring as possible. Perhaps we will be able to get some of the work done in the upper reaches this year yet.

We will keep you posted on developments.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Montgomery
Regional Manager

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cc: George Warner ✓
Don Kelley ✓