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R27, El Dorado, Upper Truckee River, Fish Kill.

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Ivan Sack, Supervisor  
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Reno, Nevada

Dear Ivan:

As you know, we have been concerned for years with the gradual destruction of the Upper Truckee River as the principal spawning tributary of Lake Tahoe. The river is being destroyed by erosion, and the enclosed report explains the problem and suggests a solution.

Tahoe Valley is rapidly being subdivided, and quick action will be necessary if the stream is to be preserved. A single trip down the river below Meyers will demonstrate to anyone that the stream will be completely destroyed for spawning purposes unless the landowners' efforts are coordinated with our own.

Because of the tremendous value of this stream to the fish population of Lake Tahoe, we believe that a program of erosion control is of interest to all of the people in the Tahoe area. Last week we discussed the matter with Jim Wilson of Tahoe Paradise and with Dean Seegar of the Tahoe Area Council. We need the Council's support if this program is to be a success. In the very near future we expect to request funds for erosion control where necessary on this watershed. After the project is completed, some arrangement must be made to insure that erosion does not again become a serious problem. We ~~hope~~ <sup>believe</sup> that the Tahoe Area Council can give us a great deal of help, and we hope to present this matter to the Board of Directors in March.

We have a few slides that illustrate the problem and a possible solution much better than we can describe it in a letter. Don Kelley has been working on this problem for about seven years, and he would be happy to show you the slides and talk with you about it any time it is convenient.

We hope that we can count on your support.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Montgomery  
Regional Manager

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