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Dear Mr. Morgan:

We are updating our Lahontan cutthroat trout management plan which includes a proposal for restoring Lahontan cutthroat trout to the headwaters of the Upper Truckee River (upstream from Showers Creek). This involves chemically eradicating non-native trout. We would like to do the work this year. The basic project was discussed with Sherry Reed on January 19, 1982.

Key elements involve the following:

- 1) Field survey to establish the presence of competitive non-native trout in July, 1983. Some of the proposed waters may actually be barren of fishlife because of the severity of the 1981-82 winter.
- 2) Based on (1) define project scope. At the present time the project consists of the following waters:
 - a) Meiss Lake
 - b) Four Lakes (two are regularly stocked)
 - c) About three miles of the Upper Truckee River
 - d) Connective channels to be identified in the field.
- 3) Execute the project in September/October with necessary safeguards for non-target areas and downstream water quality. Registered fish toxicants and established procedures would be used. Pack stock would be used to transport materials and supplies from Highway 89 in Luther Pass.
- 4) Follow up in 1984. If project proves successful, introduce appropriate numbers of Lahontan cutthroat into reclaimed waters. If project proves unsuccessful, retreat as necessary. No introductions will be made until all target fish are removed.

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We have had a considerable amount of experience in projects of this nature. There would be little or no impact on existing resource use now or in the future. The proposed project would not increase angler use in the area.

Sincerely,



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