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August 31, 1979

Highland Lake, El Dorado County
Smith Lake, El Dorado County

The dams on the above subject lakes are less than six feet in height, therefore we request that they be withdrawn from jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams.

Highland Lake is on a tributary to the Rubicon River within the Desolation Wilderness, Section 20 T 13 N - R 15 E.

Smith Lake in the Desolation Wilderness, lies east of Wrights Lake, Section 26 T 11 N - R 16 E.

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Mr. Robert L. Lassen
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The Resources Agency
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Dear Mr. Lassen:

Highland Lake Dam, No. 1-31-El Dorado County
Smith Lake Dam, No. 1-28-El Dorado County

Your letter of August 31, 1979, requesting that Highland Lake Dam and Smith Lake Dam be withdrawn from our jurisdiction is acknowledged.

Mr. Tom Patton, Field Engineer inspected Highland Lake Dam on September 27, 1978, and Smith Lake Dam on October 11, 1978. He measured the height of Highland Lake Dam to be 5.1 feet and the height of Smith Lake Dam to be 5.8 feet. It appears that both dams have been lowered by ice action dislodging part of the masonry rock dams' upper course.

The dams are less than 6 feet high and therefore are no longer subject to State jurisdiction, in accordance with Section 6003 of Division 3 of the California Water Code. No alteration to increase the height of the dams to jurisdictional size may be made in the future without prior written approval from this Department.



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Please return the two Certificate of Approvals for the
dams dated June 15, 1966, to this office.

Sincerely,

for J. J. Doody

James J. Doody, Chief
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