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Honorable Ray Nutting, Chairman
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Honorable Chairman and Board,

Your appointed Fish & Game Commission works to improve fishing, hunting, habitat and related economic opportunities in our county. It is to this end that we support the concept of wild and scenic designation for the upper Truckee River.

This is a rare chance to improve fishing for Lahontan Cutthroat trout. The proposal to reintroduce this species throughout the basin will be more successful with the wild and scenic designation because the area is a high quality trout habitat and watershed. Additionally, the stocking restrictions imposed on the State Department of Fish & Game by a recent lawsuit have severely curtailed expansion of fishing opportunities. Improving the fishery in the Upper Truckee basin will, to some degree, mitigate the impact of the stocking restrictions in the Tahoe Basin.

The area also provides summer range for deer herds and other game animals.

Some of the best trout fishing in California and the west is found on rivers and streams designated as wild and scenic. The outdoor recreation economic opportunity and the chance to create a destination fishery present an opportunity the commission feels compelled to support.

Respectfully,

El Dorado County Fish and Game Commission
Karl Weiland, Chairman

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