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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express the support of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for the naming of a currently unnamed waterfall on Glen Alpine Creek as Sawyer Falls.

In 1961, Robert Lee "Buz" Sawyer, Jr., (1917-2008) and Alice Olson Sawyer (1921-2015) purchased property above Fallen Leaf Lake in Glen Alpine Springs, CA, on which they built an A-frame cabin that members of their family continue to use to this day. Buz Sawyer had served during World War II as a U.S. Navy pilot and flight instructor, and in the Navy Reserve he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He also spent 35 years in management positions with Pacific Gas & Electric Co., and retired in 1980.

The Sawyer family spent as much time on their Glen Alpine Springs property as they could manage, always eager to see how much water was coming over the waterfall, which was a centerpiece of the entire family's long experience on their land. It is because of the Sawyers' deep and enduring roots in this beautiful corner of El Dorado County that we believe the naming of the falls in their honor is an entirely fitting tribute.

In addition, because the waterfall is on land owned by the Sawyer family within Tahoe National Forest, we see no reason not to honor two of our region's notable figures in this significant way.

We appreciate the Federal Government's receptiveness to input from local elected officials, and we wholeheartedly support the naming of Sawyer Falls.

Sincerely,

Brian Veerkamp  
Chair, Board of Supervisors