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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
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Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Shannon Maguire, and I am a resident of El Dorado County. I am sending this letter to show my support for your vote in favor of the resolution to support Wild and Scenic designation for 32 miles of the Upper Truckee River watershed. As the major tributary to Lake Tahoe, the Upper Truckee River and its tributaries are a crucial source of clear, clean water flowing into Lake. Such a designation will help provide the long-term protection Lake Tahoe needs.

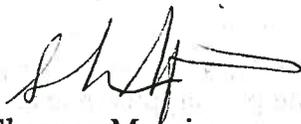
The upper Truckee River and its tributaries support the greatest number of migratory and resident fish populations of any Lake Tahoe tributary, including the only trout native to the Lake Tahoe Basin, the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout. The area also provides critical summer range for mule deer and habitat for several sensitive, threatened, and endangered animals. The historic Meiss cabin and barn next to the upper Truckee River are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This area also serves as a year round non-motorized recreation area to thousands of people.

The U.S. Forest Service recommended in 1998 a seven mile segment of the upper Truckee River upstream of the Upper Truckee Road for protection as a Wild River in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System in recognition of the river's outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife, and historic values. Conserving the upper Truckee River and its tributaries as a Wild River will fully protect the river's water quality and outstandingly remarkable values and ensure that all current non-motorized backcountry uses of this area will continue in perpetuity, which will also enhance eco-tourism opportunities and the local tourist and recreation-based economy.

The Forest Service should recommend Wild River designation of the upper Truckee River and its tributaries in the Lake Tahoe Basin Forest Plan Revision, and I urge the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to support protection of the upper Truckee River as a Wild River.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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