



**Fw: Upper Truckee Wild and Scenic Designation**  
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To Those Sincerely Concerned,

As a Resident of South Lake Tahoe who lives on the meadow near the airport, I am privileged to enjoy to the Upper Truckee in all of its seasonal conditions. As a fly fisherman, I am privileged to toss a line in on the few days during a high water year when it is in a fishable condition. As a Conservationist, I am dismayed by the conditions created by careless recreational users who discard trash anywhere it is convenient.

I support Wild & Scenic Designation for this stream, as well as some other special regulations regarding its usage. Specifically, I would like to see the Upper Truckee (and ALL Tahoe tributaries which are relatively devoid of fish for most of the open season) set up for Artificial Barbless Catch & Release only rules. I have watched 'sportsmen' on opening day in the headwaters needlessly killing small wild fish that swallow their bait-dragging meat hooks. These fish might be too small for the table but they have the potential to grow up...

Also, I have *never* caught a cutthroat between Christmas Valley and Tahoe Keys. The strain of cutts that evolved and once thrived in Lake Tahoe's alpine conditions have long since disappeared. Gone *forever*. The strain that Fish and Game is trying to bring back(?) to Lake Tahoe is ill adapted, and more suited to the alkali waters present in Pyramid Lake. I deem a more sensible pursuit at this juncture is the eradication of the black bass population that was planted in the Tahoe Keys and subsequently destroyed the trout fishery (and nursery) there. Aligned with that would be focusing on improving the populations of Brown and Rainbows over the dominating Lake Trout (Mackinaw) which quickly gobble up any attempts to introduce Cutthroats (= big waste of money). There, I said it.

Any designation that helps maintain healthy conditions for the Lake Tahoe watershed and the beauty that surrounds it is clearly the right thing to do. Nature will thrive if given a chance.

my \$.02,

Rick Hordin

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P.S. Start handing out litter tickets (supposed to be a \$1000 right?) and you'll balance the budget in no time!

P.P.S. I would gladly be present at your meeting (@ 10am on a Tuesday) if it were held at a time when a person privileged enough to have a job in this town was able to attend - like 6:30pm for example.