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Executive Director of CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

One year ago, I had the pleasure of joining approximately 15 men for five days of fishing and fellowship along the banks of the McCloud River. As a small grapegrower in the state of Texas, I experienced a privilege few flat-landers have ever known. There are no places like the McCloud River in Texas.

It is my understanding that the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is considering enlarging Shasta Lake, thereby swallowing up a good portion of the McCloud and its native Rainbow trout habitat. I am sure you have very good reasons for contemplating this action, however I respectfully submit that there are some considerations you may have overlooked.

The Bollibokka Club, with its pre-World War I heritage is threatened by the proposed project. Take a walk through this quaint structure and observe the old photographs of fishermen in their knickers sitting by the old rock fireplace talking after a day of fishing for native rainbow trout. This is not only part of Californian history, but American history as well.

The black bear also fish in the McCloud and eat the wild berries along it's edge. I know, because our group had personal encounters with them while traversing the trail between holes.

I have never been involved in trying to save a natural resource before and I don't believe that animals or the environment should take precedence over the concerns of human welfare. However, Californians and the whole of America will loose a great deal if this majestic river is replaced by a man made lake.

Please visit the McCloud and walk it's banks before the decision is made. You cannot help but see God's creative hand and feel His presence all around you. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Yours,

Bill Martin, Owner  
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