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Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing this as an extra personal message. Dams create nothing but problems. They only last so long and then where and how do you dispose of the mud and silt that builds up behind the dams on these small impoundments. We have a dam here in Inyo County on the Owens River and I am sure the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is worrying about where it will dump the SLUDGE, when it gets to the point where less and less water can be stored. The Department had discussed emptying it into the Owens River a few years back. However, they knew they could not do this, because it would kill all the Browns downstream. This is what happened in the East Walker River in Mono county a few years ago.

By damming rivers you end up killing off fish that would be spawned upstream in the smaller streams, brooks, etc. for the future. When you do this, it deprives many sportsmen/women from fishing. It also harms the economy of the area: motels, tackle shops, guides, gas stations, restaurants, etc. The towns lose bed tax, sales tax, and business in general.

Just this week I have started to get my motor home and fishing gear ready for two upcoming fishing trips: one of about a week in Mono County and another a yearly three weeks' trip of fishing in Siskiyou and Del Norte Counties. I am sure that both counties and the merchants in these areas appreciate our group that goes up each year.

Perhaps much water could be saved if residents did not plant crops that require so much water, and there often seems to be a surplus of these crops. Cotton and hay are what I have in mind for starters.

Sincerely,



L.W. Franke

