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Concerned Citizen
Eagle Lake Guardians
c/o Rebecca Walker
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Dear Eagle Lake Guardians:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern with Eagle Lake. We, the Board of Supervisors of Lassen County, share your alarm with the water level in Eagle Lake, the resulting effect on the water quality and threat to trout, grebes and other wild life which depend upon that body of water. Regarding the Bly Tunnel, this Board has held hearings on it in the past year as has the Eagle Lake Interagency Board on which some of us serve. Although the Board of Supervisors has jurisdiction over neither the Lake nor the Bly Tunnel, we have monitored the debate and received copies of the studies done by the Bureau of Land Management, the California Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources. The conclusion of those studies is that the pipe in the tunnel does not significantly contribute to the drop in the Eagle Lake water level. I refer you to those agencies for their studies and reports.

Regarding the cloud seeding which occurs in Plumas and Shasta Counties, we will attempt to have a report from the entities conducting those efforts in the coming months. Those activities do not require a permit from Lassen County and therefore we have not been a part of the review of those programs. We will notify the public when we are able to organize a report on the cloud seeding program.

You are correct that various agencies concerned with Eagle Lake have or are soliciting grants and other projects to study the hydrology of the Lake. The County of Lassen is applying to the Department of Water Resources for funds with which to prepare an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. This plan will include the Eagle Lake Basin. In addition, there is pending a proposal before the Sierra Nevada Conservancy by a Forest Hydrologist (Shawn Wheelock) to study the Pine Creek Surface and Groundwater Hydrology. Pine Creek is the main surface tributary to Eagle Lake. Lassen National Forest staff, in cooperation with the Department of Water Resources, is working to establish a gauging station at its mouth to develop data regarding the surface water in-flow.

We thank you for your interest in Eagle Lake and urge you to stay involved as these grants and projects develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Pyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Pyle" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Pyle, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

cc: Bureau of Land Management
CA Department of Water Resources
Lassen National Forest
Department of Fish & Game