

Eagle Lake Guardians

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I am writing to express support for the Pine Creek Restoration Project. This project has widespread support from conservation organizations, federal and state agencies, anglers, ranchers and community members. Since 1987, the Pine Creek Coordinated Resource Management Planning Group (CRMP) has collaboratively advanced projects to improve the Pine Creek watershed, with a primary emphasis on restoring natural flows. This project would improve floodplain function and enhance wetland habitat and instream flows in Pine Creek to benefit wildlife and fish, including the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout.

The Eagle Lake Rainbow trout is a California Heritage Trout and Species of Special Concern. It is also a main draw for visiting anglers and is therefore an economic engine for the Eagle Lake area. In 2015, CDFW, the Forest Service and others developed the *Conservation Strategy for the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout*, in response to a petition to list the trout under the Endangered Species Act. This project is identified within this document as a strategy to recover the species.

The project is supported by a strong collaboration with a proven track record of successful implementation, monitoring and adaptive management. We urge you to support this worthwhile project for the health of the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout and Eagle Lake which have suffered from the diversions and other usages for the watershed.

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