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Dear Ms. Windham:

I am writing as a citizen who values the Yuba River and recognize the critical importance of a healthy salmon, steelhead and sturgeon fishery in the Yuba River. As the federal agency responsible for recovering anadromous fish listed under the Endangered Species Act, we urge you to acknowledge the precarious status of Central Valley salmonid populations and direct the requisite staffing, funding and resolve so necessary to ensure their recovery.

- We urge you to take appropriately bold measures in crafting a Recovery Plan for these fish.
- We urge you to recognize and act upon your own science, which consistently shows that Central Valley Chinook, particularly Spring-run, require access to spawning habitat blocked by dams.
- We urge you to recognize the potential for great gains in recovering habitat in the upper Yuba River, a basin currently undergoing a series of hydro-dam re-licensings through the FERC process.

We feel that the federal government, as administered through your agency, has an obligation to exercise its authority to recover our wild Yuba Salmon. We will not quietly allow our unique Sierra Nevada salmon heritage to slip into extinction.

Respectfully,

*[print name and full address below]*