

FW: Plumas County, CA Chester Lake Almanor 96020

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From: Margie [mailto:almanorvintage@gmail.com]**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:01 PM**To:** Faust, John@OEHHA**Subject:** Plumas County, CA Chester Lake Almanor 96020

Dear Mr. Faust:

I received your 2ND Edition to your recent updated material in regards to "The Second Public Review Draft of CalEnviroScreen".

As a local resident of Plumas County in the Chester area, I was shocked to see we were not included in your mapping. Is this because we are unincorporated? Please note that Plumas County, namely the Chester area, has one of the highest pollution rates in the State and yet no one is currently studying this area. Is it because we are a low income rural area? Please note as well, that the health decline in Chester and the death rate from sudden death illness recently is staggering compared to how many residents live here full time in the winter months.

The burning of the biomass and urban waste in conjunction with Collins Pine Company co-generation emissions which sits right in the middle of town, next to our local schools, senior homes, and hospital is staggering in size and scope and is truly hurting us. I know, I've done my homework. The Almanor Basin sits inside an inversion layer, and we both know, particulate does not escape this. As well, for the last two nights, January 22nd and 23rd, 2013, Collins Pine Company was emitting a red/orange color smoke from the many stacks blowing off across the street from my residence.

Every one I know here today in Chester is sick with diarrhea and nausea, even my dogs are wheezing. Coupled with the fact that, Collins Pine Company is self monitored is like giving a Robber the keys to the bank vault. The local residents have there eyes on Collins Pine Company, from the water to the air, and the dumping that occurs, to dead fish and frogs lying in the Drinking Water Tributary, to the ash that is thrown all over the forest next to water supplies, as well, all the dumping that occurs which seeps into our ground water, the truck loads of urban waste being burned, etc. These acts are hurting local residents, especially when you can see on airnow.gov that the Lassen Volcanic Region has worse air quality than Los Angeles on most days from the hours of 10:PM to 7:AM under the animation link.

The American Lung Association graded us with "F", the Census Bureau shows we have worse air quality than the State and National levels. But still nobody looks into Plumas County and the Chester/Lake Almanor region. My question today is this; Why?

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to give me a

call at (530)258-2569, or I can be reached by email.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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