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### Charles Plopper

The Lassen National Park region has defined Charlie's mountain environment since he was a young child. His earliest memories of the mountains are from the many family camping trips to Manzanita Lake, which included walking trails in and around the Park. When he made it to the top of Mount Lassen for the first time in the summer of 1953 at age 9, he became hooked on this area. It has been the focal point of his outdoor interests, which include hiking, backpacking, bird watching, snowshoeing, fishing and cross-country skiing. In the early 1990s, Charlie and his wife, Suzanne, became residents of Lake Almanor at the base of Dyer Mountain.



After receiving a Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis in 1972, Charlie served three years in the U.S. Army Medical Research Command, followed by teaching and research positions in medical schools in Hawaii and Kuwait, and at the National Institutes of Health in North Carolina. He joined the faculty of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 1979 and retired as a professor and department Chairperson in 2005. He is the author or co-author of over 300 publications related to environmental contaminants and respiratory health. He serves on a number of advisory panels related to air quality and health for the US EPA, California EPA, California Air Resources Board and the Health Effects Institute.

While aware of the Dyer Mountain development proposal and Mountain Meadows Conservancy's efforts for some time, Charlie's review of the revised Draft EIR produced by the developers greatly elevated his concerns about the negative impacts this irresponsible development would have had on the quality of our area. He is enthusiastic about the Conservancy's activities and embraces the opportunity to participate fully in its projects.



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