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Costa Mesa, CA- Truckee resident, Jay Wild, has been selected as a member of the United States Standup Paddleboard Team to represent the U.S.A in the upcoming World Championship in Miraflores, Peru, Feb. 20-25. The first of its kind event pits individual standup athletes together into a team event, much like the Davis Cup in tennis or golf's Ryder Cup.

Wild will compete in the Standup Paddle (SUP) Elite Race event, a 4.5km technical slalom course around buoys placed inside the surf zone. Elite race courses are typically the most exciting for spectators due to the intentional challenging design of the course and frequent collisions in the surf.

Joining Wild on the U.S. team is Matt Becker from Santa Barbara who will also compete in the Elite Race, Rob Rojas from Dana Point will handle the Distance race and former World Longboard Champion, Colin McPhillips from San Clemente will compete in the SUP Surf event with Florida's Sean Poytner. On the womens team is Brandi Baksic (Distance and Elite race), Gillian Gibree (Prone paddleboard) and Emmy Merrill (Surf).

Top contending countries include a stacked Australian team, the U.S. team and a yet to be announced Hawaiian team. The SUP World Championships is considered to be a showcase for the Olympic viability of the sport with an international field of athletes.

Lake Tahoe is considered one of the flatwater SUP destinations in the world and the popularity of the sport has grown in the past few years to include 7 races here in Tahoe and this summer, the first ever multi sport SUP event.

For more information on SUP, races and products visit Tahoe's year round SUP shop and cafe, Watermans Landing 5166 N. Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay. 530.546.3590