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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lower Snake River Study
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Dear Army Corps of Engineers Representative:

Salmon represent clean water and a healthy future, an economic asset and a cultural icon. A future with migrating salmon is a future we all want and deserve. Salmon are part of our natural heritage and therefore, steps should be taken to restore the habitat of these majestic creatures. It is not too late, we can still save, restore and protect wild salmon.

Four dams found on the lower Snake River are preventing essential economic growth that migrating salmon would provide. I urge the Army Corp of Engineers to support partial dam removal of these four dams on the lower Snake River. Studies show that removing four dams on the lower Snake River would create more jobs and a stronger economy. Those four dams are the main reason salmon are nearing extinction in the Snake and Colombia Rivers. I urge the Corps to adopt the partial dam removal option within the DEIS for the following reasons:

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends that the partial dam removal option in the Army Corps of Engineers DEIS would provide significantly greater benefits for salmon than the other options.
- The DEIS does not calculate the costs of bringing the four dams up to compliance with the Clean Water Act (estimated at $125 million annually)
- The DEIS does not account for economic costs of salmon extinction, or the costs of non-dam removal alternatives.

I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to implement partial dam removal for the four dams on the Snake and Colombia rivers.

Sincerely,

Jeff Aldrich, President