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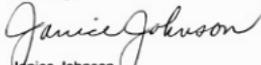
Brigadier General Carl Strock  
Department of the Army  
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers  
201 North Third Avenue  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Dear Brigadier General Strock,

Enclosed you will find the letters written to you detailing my students' concerns relative to breaching the four dams on the Snake River. Their letters are a culmination of our study of the salmon as related to our Idaho Native Americans, a book we read titled *Come Back Salmon* which detailed the revitalization of Pigeon Creek that feeds into Puget Sound by a school located on the creek, and the reading of the many articles published of late in the Lewiston Tribune. We are also the recipients of the wildlife magazine, *WOW*, and have read many articles in this publication relating to the salmon, wolves, and other animals in the northwest. I was surprised to see many students had included the use of coal as an alternative to hydroelectricity. This idea came from a presentation about our minerals and gems given by a geologist at the University of Idaho.

As their teacher I want my students to realize they can take an active role in public decisions and perhaps make a difference. I want them to learn and react to real-world situations and decisions. Therefore, we submit our letters to you. I hope you will find them interesting.

Sincerely,

  
Janice Johnson