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Subject: the truth about Lewiston and Clarkston meeting

I have read many articles about how surprised you were for the support for breaching. I live in Lewiston and have attended many meeting on saving salmon. There is not once when the pro-breaching people outnumbered those against breaching the dams. The truth of the matter is that the "save our dams" people outnumber the pro-breachers approximately 10 to 1. I cannot tell you how many people didn't talk because of the amount of people signed up in front of them to talk. What you did hear is a concerted voice of a lot of people that showed up at 8:00 and dominated the speaking time. When you consider a consensus of people, pay attention to the people of that area. I stood next to some people from Boise, Id. There was a meeting in Boise and I wonder why he didn't speak in that area. I believe you heard from a lot of people that were imports to the area and not representative of our area. So when you state in a paper that a consensus of Lewiston and Clarkston will be weighed. Please pay attention to the working people that are not speakers, that are quiet, and just want to do their jobs.

The Lewiston and Clarkston area firmly support the dams and want to save the salmon also. Don't distort our area because of an unfair forum. I believe that if you did 1 pro and 1 con on the oral testimony, we would have at least 1/2 of the time. Also, the testimony taken in the other room was 82 % in favor of retaining the dams. I hope you think about that, at least that is what the tribune reported. That would be a closer representation of our area.

There has also been petitions supporting the dams representing over 40,000 people presented to the Governor of the State of Idaho. These were obtained primarily from our area. I now believe that the people of our valley have spoken.

Thank you for listening and if I may be of any help, please call

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