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Department of the Army  
To: Walla Walla District  
Corps of Engineers  
Attention: Lower Snake River Study

The Columbia Snake River Marketing Group is on record in opposition to Alternative 4, the dam breaching alternative. (Our membership, comprised of ports throughout the river system, was founded 20 years ago to heighten awareness in the U.S. and abroad about the advantages of doing business in the Columbia Snake River system.)

We believe that the human and economic damage of dam breaching are an absolute certainty while the biological benefits, to say the least, are uncertain.

Our region needs a recovery plan that supports healthy fish runs while maintaining and sustaining continued economic growth in the region.

Dam breaching will have an enormous negative impact on the environment. The increased pollution from trucks and the burning of fossil fuels will be devastating.

Instead of taking any draconian measures we are strongly in favor of all parties working together to find reasonable solutions, sensible ones that will keep our economy strong and build stronger fish runs.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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