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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a consulting firm that specializes in river restoration and fisheries enhancement projects, and we support the Corps' alternative to partially remove the four dams on the lower Snake River. We understand that five years ago federal agencies promised to make tough decisions to recover these fish, and the time for bold decisions is now. No more political footdragging can be allowed. These agencies have already invested four years and \$20 million in studies to determine the best way to recover Salmon and Steelhead. Their conclusion: remove the dams.

The removal of the dams may allow Montanans to better use and allocate water in the headwater reservoirs. This type of direct involvement and management can only help in our recovery efforts to help re-establish the federally threatened and endangered Bull Trout (*Salvelinus Confluentus*) and Kootenai White Sturgeon (*Acipenser Transmontanus*). Without immediate action, research indicates Snake River spring and summer Chinook Salmon, once the noblest of the upper Columbia's anadromous fish runs, will be extinct by 2017. Clearly, political delay hurts our chances to save these fish for future generations.

Very truly yours,

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