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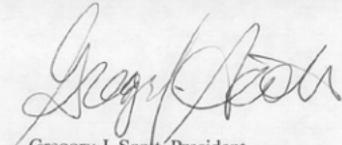
To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to breaching the Snake River dams.

As a farmer and businessman in Pomeroy, WA, I am concerned about the repercussions of breaching the Snake River dams. Following are some of the facts that concern me.

1. Experts agree that no one knows whether breaching dams will do anything for salmon recovery. In fact one expert said it is a "crap shoot."
2. Caspian terns at the mouth of the Columbia River are killing 30% or more of the salmon juveniles heading to the ocean.
3. Salmon are legally gill netted in the Columbia River.
4. Salmon are legally commercially fished in the ocean off the mouth of the Columbia River.
5. Salmon are legally fished for sport in the ocean off the mouth of the Columbia River.
6. Breaching the Snake River dams would devastate the agricultural economy of the northwest.
7. My understanding is that "mothballing" dams for a period of years will render them useless by not being used and maintained. Therefore the argument that the dams will still be there for use later is wrong.

If salmon recovery is the entire issue, addressing points 2 through 5 in a responsible manner will make great strides in meeting that goal. Dam removal "experts" are willing to "shoot crap", risking nothing but my way of life and the farm my family has worked hard to purchase over many years, for an "experiment" that will not aid in salmon recovery as much as the above mentioned points.



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