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Dear Sirs:

Corp of engineers.

As a taxpayer with over 20 years experience in the grain industry, at both export and inland locations, I can speak as an expert on the impacts that dam removal would have to the transportation system. A crash landing.

I would like to have thought that the time I donated for the Corp study would have been included and reflected in an accurate assessment on the economic impacts. That is not the case. Instead, it appears that any testimony is accepted, as long as the answer fits the question. The present report hallucinates with unrealistic generalization about how the grain markets work.

There are no monopolies, producers can't pass along increased cost, and the Pacific Northwest growers participate in a global market place... increase the cost of goods produced, and a decrease in the demand will follow.

It seems a simple enough concept, but is lost in the bureaucracy of the Corp creed of "take the money and run".

I would rather see the government spend a billion dollars on a space program that crashes lunar crafts on Mars, than experience the misery that dam removal would inflict on the citizens of the Pacific Northwest.... Maybes and what ifs aren't good enough...

Sincerely,

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