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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

To Corps of Engineers:

We are vehemently opposed to the proposal of breaching the four dams on the Snake River. The potential detrimental effects that breaching would have encompass many aspects of life in our region.

We are not convinced that science shows breaching would help recover salmon.

In addition to the adverse effects the removal of the dams would have upon hydro electric power and recreational opportunities, the devastation that it would cause in the barge industry on the Snake and Columbia Rivers would negatively impact all transportation facilities. The agricultural producers in our region are dependent on the barge system to get our products to market, which is fundamental to our livelihood. Most importantly, it is a safe, reliable, and cost effective transportation system.

Please register our vehement opposition to the dam removal proposal.

Sincerely,

Valoria Loveland
State Senator
16th Legislative District

Bill Grant
State Representative
16th Legislative District

Dave Mastin
State Representative
16th Legislative District