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Larry Gunnde, President, Idaho Power Co.

**Re: Idaho Power's destroying our Salmon runs.**

While Idaho Power attempts to present itself as such a noble upstanding company but I have found them to be otherwise. On two occasions that I know of, Idaho Power has deliberately and fraudtently destroyed our Salmon runs in the Snake River system.

I testified at a congressional hearing that was held at the Idaho Fish and Game Headquarters about 10 years ago so what I'm telling you now is part of the Congressional Record and not something new that I'm digging up to get even with Idaho Power but rather to show how this company operates.

The first incident happened in 1946. My Father took me and my girlfriend on a picnic to Swan Falls Dam. When we arrived we went out on the Dam and the fish ladder was full of Salmon but they couldn't get over the weir because Idaho Power had raised the weir so the water went under instead of over so the Salmon were trapped because they couldnt jump over it. There was no one around to complain. We then proceeded down to the old Negro's cabin to have our picnic. I believe his name was Hennesy. He had died the year before. This about 4 miles below Swan Falls and the river was packed with Salmon from shore to shore like sardines and they weretrying to spawn along the gravel shores. The river was still packed with Salmon all the way down to the Murphy railroad bridge which is 7 or 8 miles below Swan Falls Dam. Simply because Idaho Power wouldn't allow them over their Dam. Were talking about millions of Salmon that never got a chance to spawn because of Idaho Powers fraudulent action. When I asked a man knowledgeable about fishing ( E.E. Maybe) why this was happening, he told me to just wait and I would find out soon. Just a short time latter, Idaho Power applied for their permit for C. J. Strike Dam and of course they claimed they didn't need a fish ladder on it because no Salmon was going above Swan Falls Dam. This should give you some idea what a dishonest company Idaho Power is.

The second part of my testimony concerned Brownlee Dam. After Idaho Power started building the coffer dams to divert the water around their construction, a gigantic Salmon run came up the river and couldn't get by the construction. At this very time 2 inspectors from Washington D.C. had come to Boise, to inspect the construction. Idaho Power kept them in Boise over night by claiming their helicopter was broken down and then they had M K Company work all night scooping up these Salmon with their big front end loaders and dumping them into their big dump trucks and they hauled them up on top of the rim and buried them . MK worked all night hauling these poor Salmon to their graves. I talked to one of the truck drivers who verified this happened. So the next day when the inspectors arrived , there was just a few Salmon laying around. This again was a dishonest, fraudulent act by Idaho Power against all the citizens of the State of Idaho.

So it's no supprise to me that Idaho Power is again trying to deny their liability for burning my house down and refusing to give me electricity by hiding behind an inspection law that doesn't apply to this case. The people of Idaho deserve to know what an irresponsible company Idaho Power really is and that they are the sole reason for the demise of the Snake River Salmon runs.

I don't care how long I have to sit here without electricity Idaho Power is going to restore my electricity at their expense. I hope FERC will deny to renew Idaho Powers Dam permits on the basis of being an irresponsible Company.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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