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## Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Draft Feasibility Report/ Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites any person who has an interest in the Draft FR/EIS or represents a group of people that have an interest in the subject matter of this study, to make comments. The Corps will respond to the comments related to their Draft FR/EIS in their next NEPA document produced for the Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report/EIS. Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2000.

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Comments: Support H.R. 4 & Alt. A. for John Day Drawdown to natural river.  
Breaching the four lower Snake R. dams is a necessary first step  
to restoring salmon runs to Idaho. While it is true that breaching is not a silver bullet or ~~panacea~~ for salmon recovery, it is equally true that salmon recovery is not possible without restoring natural river conditions. In Idaho, timber companies and the U.S. Forest Service have been hiding behind the dams for decades, using them as cover for habitat degradation. Because of the entrenched politics in this state, which are dominated by extractive industries, habitat restoration ~~and~~ and protection will simply not happen until the dams have been breached and the salmon are returning in great numbers. Only then will the light of public scrutiny fall on degraded habitat conditions - such as those that exist in the S. Fork of the "Salmon River."

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Economics : \$365M yr. cost  
- isn't that about what is being spent now  
on mitigation by BPA?

What is the economic benefit of having  
Salmon in the Salmon R?  
Rod fish in Rodfish L?

What is the economic "cost" of extinction?  
How much is the food chain worth?

Until we can put true economic value on  
things like rivers and species, cost/benefit  
analysis is nothing but an excuse for  
politicians and big business to ~~not~~ continue  
plundering our natural heritage.