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Department of the Army,
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Attn: Lower Snake River Study
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RE: Lower Snake River Study

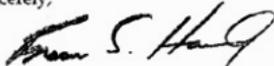
Cascade Specialties, Inc., a vegetable dehydration plant located in Morrow County Oregon in the John Day Reservoir is opposed to dam breaching, dam removal, or river draw-downs that disrupt the multiple uses of the river systems. It is important that the draw-down/dam breaching issue is laid to rest and we focus on actually implementing regional salmon recovery measures.

The Corps of Engineers should recommend a preferred alternative for the Final Environmental Impact Statement that eliminates any further review of river draw-down or dam breaching proposals and provide for a continued improvement to dam passage measures, including bypass facilities, turbine upgrades and fish transport improvements and evaluations. The Corps should prepare a full review of the benefits and the costs surrounding the N.M.F.S. flow augmentation program within the Columbia/Snake River System, including a review of the potential benefits and cost of the proposed New Water Management Alternative.

We adamantly are opposed to alternative 4 - Dam Breaching. The federal agencies ten-year focus on river drawdowns and dam breaching has cost tens-of millions of dollars that could have been used for "real" salmon recovery actions and projects. The agencies have failed to make an environmental or economic case for the benefits of dam breaching. We want the Corps of Engineers to adopt alternative 1 or 2. These alternatives do accomplish the approval of having fish recovery and an economy that can be maintained in our region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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