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US Corps of Engineers
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Attention: Greg Graham

Dear Sir:

It is important that you do not breach the dams on the Lower Snake River. They are necessary because they provide irrigation, recreation, navigational aids to the upper reaches of the Snake River and affordable hydroelectric power to much of the population and businesses alike.

This is not a fish versus dam issue. Runs can be preserved by not ripping out our dams. There are many cost effective and efficient means to serve all the people.

Tell the Corps the dams must remain to do the most good for the most people.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. SWENSEN
CEO

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