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Dear Sirs:

My name is Tim Sneed. I am a County Commissioner from Grant County. There are over 70,000 people in my county. I am confident that 95% of the people who vote in my county oppose breaching of the dams. That's approximately 32,000 people opposed. When asked about breaching dams the usual response is, "are they crazy?"

I am not going to talk about the devastation to the economy or infrastructure in Washington State because of dam destruction, but the damage to the environment. Dams are a clean industry. They produce electricity through the use of a renewable resource, water.

President Clinton, your boss, in his State of the Union address expressed great concern for Global Warming. Removing dams will only promote Global Warming. The loss of electrical generation can only be made up by either coal, gas or nuclear generation. It would be totally irresponsible for the federal government to destroy dams that are a clean, renewable resource industry and replace them with industries that are a non-renewable resource that also will contribute to Global Warming. The increase of truck and rail traffic with the loss of barge traffic will also contribute to Global Warming. Wind or Solar generation will not

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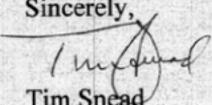
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make up the difference in lost power generation. Also, conservation will not make up the difference. The population in the Pacific Northwest will continue to grow, we need all the power generation we can get. You must consider the long term overall impact to our environment. Destroying dams will have a negative impact on our environment.

The federal government should channel their efforts to fish friendly turbines on dams, increase barging of smolts, reduction of harvest on non-tribal lands, and working with, not dictating to local governments on habitat restoration.

Sincerely,



Tim Snead

Grant County Commissioner

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