

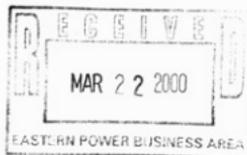
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Dear Mr. Itami and Mr. Graham:

I am sending this letter to you with reference to the possible breaching of the dams on the Lower Snake River. When I first heard about this matter, I felt, as did most of the people that I know, that this was the most ridiculous thing that we had ever heard of. However, as time goes by, it appears as though there are those that are serious about this proposal, thus this letter.

The two main reasons that the proposal is ridiculous are as follows:

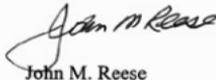
1. These four dams produce substantial hydroelectric power and are and will be needed for meeting the regional demands for clean power.
2. Breaching the dams will substantially increase the truck and rail system handling of the freight in this part of Eastern Washington. We don't have much of a railroad system. Practically all of our roads are two-lane highways, some with substantial traffic already. Adding a lot more large trucks certainly creates a much less safe situation.

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We particularly need in Eastern Washington a diversity of agriculture, and irrigation has provided many acres of such. To "un-do" all of the progress in this area makes no sense whatsoever to people that I have talked to.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Reese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

John M. Reese

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cc: Honorable Slade Gorton
Honorable George Nethercutt