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March 22, 2000

Greg Graham
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Walla Walla District
201 N. Third Ave.
Walla Walla WA, 99362

Dear Rick Itami,

Subject: Snake River Dams

I am writing in reference to the decision that will be made regarding the removal of the Lower Snake River Dams. I am opposed to the removal of these dams and the potential problems that may be caused in the future. Since the building of the dams, Washington State and its residents have benefited in many ways from their presence and would continue to do so. I am concerned about the affect it may have upon the electricity supply and subsequent rates and the impact it would have on our business as well as others in the community. In our industry, it is becoming increasingly difficult for seniors, their families, and the government to pay for the services of health care as our population continues to live longer and longer. Surely, the impending financial crisis in health care coverage for the elderly will not be helped by removing another power source in our area.

There is no need to eliminate an existing power source in hopes of restoring a river long since altered from its natural state. Can the government afford to tear down the dam and pay for the environmental reconstruction of the Snake River? Please consider all of the impacts to the affected farmland, recreational areas, Northwest history, and our region's increasing power needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Bunn', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Alex Bunn
The Weatherly Inn