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Statement of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

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If the breaching of the four Snake River Dams would magically restore the Idaho Salmon runs overnight with no other downsides as a result of such action, we would be in favor. However, that simply is not the case.

While breaching may have some positive effect on restoring Salmon runs, there are still too many other variables that need attention and can provide similar results without such drastic action.

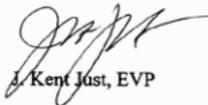
Our organization is not convinced that the best science is being applied to support breaching, and we certainly are not convinced that this is a breaching versus the taking of irrigation water issue. We have not seen any promises from anyone that southern Idaho water will not be called for with a breaching scenario.

While we share the passion to see the Salmon return in large numbers and see the positive economic impact of such a return, it is our contention that dam breaching is not the magic wand that supporters purport it to be.

Therefore, we oppose the breaching of the Snake River Dams.

Sincerely,


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