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Greg Graham
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Walla Walla District
201 N. 3rd Ave
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Dear Mr. Itami,

I am strongly opposed to the removal of dams on the lower Snake River. The Northwest Power Planning Council estimates that even with the Snake River dams producing power, there is an ever growing chance that the region will suffer a blackout in the next few years with no additional generation capacity coming on line in the foreseeable future.

Washington's current highway and rail system is unable to handle the freight currently carried by barges on the Snake River System. Most of southwestern Washington is a two lane road system that will rapidly become clogged and unsafe for drivers.

Washington clearly needs the agricultural diversity that irrigation from the Snake River has provided. We need to continue with this diversity for agricultural economic stability for the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Rose".

James R. Rose
President