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TO: Walla Walla District,
Corps of Engineers,
Attn: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

From: Jim Hagel
General Manager

Re: Snake River Dam Breaching

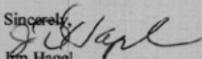
To All Concerned;

I want to go on record as "*opposed to breaching any Snake River dams!*" My reasoning for this opposition are:

- 1) Electrical power is environmentally clean and reusable. The four dams generate 3,483 megawatts, which is equivalent to providing power to all residents of Idaho & Montana. Without this power, brownouts will occur in Washington during peak use months.
- 2) Without barging it will take approximately 700,000 additional diesel truckloads to move agricultural products to coastal ports.
- 3) 36,000 irrigated acres will be lost in Washington & 450,000 acres in Idaho.
- 4) Wetlands and wildlife habitat created by the dams and agricultural irrigation will be lost.
- 5) Millions of dollars worth of taxes will be lost, as businesses close and jobs are lost.
- 6) Lost flood & erosion control will cause millions of dollars of damage.
- 7) Ag irrigation contributes to groundwater tables.
- 8) Irrigated agriculture cleans the carbon dioxide out of the air, reducing the greenhouse effect.

No federal, or state program has been established to mitigate the above-mentioned adverse effects of removing the dams.

Sincerely,


Jim Hagel