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BROWARD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Brigadier General Carl A. Strock
Dept of the Army
Walla Walla Dist. Corps of Engineers
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla WA 99362-1876

RE: Lower Snake River Study

Dear General:

Broward County Audubon Society (South Florida) is as far away from the Snake and Columbia Rivers as any group in the lower 48 states and yet we are concerned about the fate of their fisheries.

It is far past time for us to reverse mankind's penchant for unbalancing ecosystems for our short term benefit and then discovering, years later, that we've not only upset the balance of nature, but have slit our own throats in the process.

Four dams built by the Corps of Engineers on the Lower Snake River have led to the extinction of some species of salmon and the listing of others as Endangered Species. All salmon in the Snake River, as well as steelhead trout, will likely become extinct by 2017, if these dams are not immediately removed.

Studies indicate that the best option for salmon and steelhead recovery on the Snake River is to remove these four dams.

Studies further show that removing the dams will create more jobs and a stronger economy.

Failed efforts to aid salmon recovery have exceeded \$3 billion. Add to that the costs of nearly useless dams and it is easy to see that removal of the dams will benefit salmon, trout, the ecosystem and the economy.

Broward County Audubon Society urges you to remove all four of these dams on the Lower Snake River.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin R. Arnold, Jr.

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A few of our 1,700 local members also urge you to REMOVE ALL FOUR DAMS FROM THE LOWER SNAKE RIVER:

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