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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

SUBJECT: Snake River Dam Breaching Issue

Breaching of the Snake River dams could have serious impacts on flood control capabilities along the lower Columbia River. The Snake River dams may not have been intended as flood control facilities but, because they exist, have assumed that function by default. Without the Snake River dams the communities along the lower Columbia River may have to make extensive and expensive changes to flood control strategies.

It is requested the Corps of Engineers investigate thoroughly the flood control aspects of these structures before any dams are breached on the Snake River.



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