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**MEMO TO: The Army Corps of Engineers****FROM: Ron Hiller****DATE: April 2, 2000****SUBJECT: Snake River Dams**

Extinction of Snake River salmon and steelhead is not a option. The vast majority of scientists say breaching the lower Snake River dams must be part of any successful recovery plan. Economic studies show dam removal is affordable and the least expensive option on the table.

I support Alternative 4 in the Corps, DEIS because it is the surest way to save Snake River salmon from extinction. I support breaching dams in addition to providing measures for those negatively affected. A recovery plan must include investing in communities impacted by dam removal. We should offset increased shipping costs with investments in rail and highway infrastructure.

For decades the fishing industry has been strangled to protect these dams. The fish are still disappearing, and our industry may lose millions more while the Government continues failed strategies. We need salmon for our businesses and for our children.

Please consider this my formal comment on the Corps' Lower Snake River Study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ron Hiller".

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