



Federal Caucus Public Comment Form

All comments on the All-H Paper--written, e-mailed and oral-- will be analyzed and considered in a summary report, with responses at the time of the final All-H paper. The comment period closes March 17, 2000.

Please hand in comments at the open house written comment table or mail them to: Federal Caucus Comment Record; c/o BPA-PL, 707 W. Main St., Suite 500, Spokane, Wa. 99201

Please use this page to comment on issues related to the Federal Caucus All-H Paper. Please use the Corps EIS Public Comment Form and the Corps John Day Study Comment Form to make comments on those documents. You do not have to limit your comments to this page only - use as many pages as necessary!

The Federal Caucus welcomes comments on all and any aspects of the All-H Paper. Comments related to the following might be among those you consider:

- Scope of consideration
- Range of options in each H
- Adequacy of analyses presented
- Existing or additional analyses
- Adequacy of/ or additional alternatives
- Appropriateness of goals and objectives

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We are a family farm. Our water comes from the South Columbia Irrigation Project. The crops we produce include asparagus, alfalfa and apples. Our farm employs 5-9 full time employees as well as 60 or so seasonal asparagus cutters and apple pickers. Our farm has the potential of grossing well over a million dollars. I say "potential" meaning if government can keep itself out of our business. This kind of revenue, that these "family farms" produce, have a large impact on the strength of our state. I have begun to wonder if the government really cares whether the US farmer survives or not. I have to also wonder, where will the strength of our nation be, when we can no longer feed our own! The farming industry can not afford to have the government trying "radical ideas" on us. We will not survive, but perhaps that is of little concern.

After reading through the All-H paper, I found a large number of weaknesses.

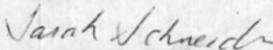
1. I found the catchy little phrase "All-H Paper" overly simplistic. It has taken a huge area of ignorance and placed it into 4 very broad categories. What about those areas that do not fit under one of the 4-H categories. I find it insulting that you feel this amount of data will be enough to solve the dam issues. And within a few months.
2. What about natural extinction?
3. What about natural diseases?
4. What about global warming?
5. What about El Nino and La Nina?
6. What about the fact that some species can not adapt to coexisting with humans?
7. What about the Indian Treaties that date back to the 1850's. Is it reasonable to strive for this level of fishing? Our country is one of modernization, which has made us a very strong world power.
8. We as farmers, are paying for our irrigation system. Are we as farmers also going to have to pay to have our irrigation system removed?

The dams should not be breached. There is no factual proof of this being the answer. It would be an error of horrendous proportion and would greatly hurt all in the NorthWest.

I have to say in all honesty, I believe the US Government is sacrificing the US farmer.

Gentlemen, I am sickened with the thought.

Sincerely,



Sarah Schneider