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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, Washington 99362-1876

Re: Destruction of Snake River Dams

Dear Study Team Leader:

I am writing to urge the Corps of Engineers to **NOT** breach the dams on the Snake River. History shows that there have been good runs of salmon in the past with the existing dams. I therefore believe that something else is happening within the life cycle of the salmon that is causing the decline in their numbers. I am writing this letter as mayor of John Day, Oregon, a Board Member of Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, and vice-president of a lumber company. Breaching of the dams is not a viable solution to the problem. We can have fish and jobs at the same time, and simply breaching the dams is not reaching any kind of scientific or practical compromise. Please listen to the voice of common sense and not the voice of the radical environmentalists on this issue. We need a common sense approach to finding a solution to this problem. Thank you for taking my comments.



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