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Dear Sirs,

Reference: The Breeching of the Snake River Doms.

The scientists, the enviromental groups, the Native American, and the main line press say that the doms must be removed. Also that we have to honor the middle 1800's treaty with the Indians to save the salmon.

To me this is a gigantic stample of the never relenting push by certain people to be in control. We see this in the endangered species act. This act is push, push, push until people wear down and the results are devastating to the logger, rancher, miner, farmer, and to small communities.

We read about this lunatic idea to breech the doms and save the salmon and at the same time there is a brown out predicted in the Northwest in the near future.

Run of the river doms stabalize the river flow, generate electricity, aid in irrigation, and permit barge travel as on the Snake river. We farm and our wheat is a small part from a several state area. This wheat is trucked to Lewiston and then barged down the Snake river to the Coast. Think of the added pollution the thousands of trucks would make if they had to haul all the way to Portland.

Can't you appreciate our forefathers and their foresight and what these dams accomplish for the majority of the people? We have been brainwashed about saving the salmon - How many salmon does it take to replace one barge load of wheat?

My suggestion is to blow the dams - get in your canoes and paddle up or down the river - build a fire in your tepee - and never stop at the supermarket because you will have fish to eat by the fire light.

I am convinced that this is a case of the lawyers and so called enviromental experts trying to justify their own existence.

With deep frustration & Concern,

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