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#### The Corps' Snake River Environmental Impact Statement

I oppose Alternative 4, the dam breaching alternative.

The EIS shows that there are uncertain biological benefits from breaching the lower four Snake River dams. Although we believe the negative economic impacts are seriously under estimated the EIS shows that there is certain economic harm.

The region needs a recovery plan with a clear vision, goals and priorities. We need a plan that rebuilds healthy fish runs while maintaining a healthy economy.

Recent studies show that survival is as high as it was in the 1960's and 1970's - before the dams were built. If survival through the reservoirs is as high now as it was before the Snake River dams were built, returning to pre-dam conditions is not the answer.

Dam breaching will create significant negative environmental impacts, with loss of habitat for resident fish and wildlife and increased air pollution from trucks and fossil fuel burning power plants.

Dam removal is not the silver bullet. It is extreme and it's risky. It may not help the fish, but it will certainly hurt the economy. Our jobs and our Northwest way of life are at stake.

I am personally in complete disbelief that breaching the dams is even being considered as anything other than a joke that someone came up with while having a beer.

Sincerely,

Todd Wright