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Department of the Army  
Walla Walla District COE  
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Walla Walla, Wa. 99362-1876

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Mayor and Councilmen of the city of Sugar City, write to oppose the breaching of the four dams on the lower Snake River. The scientific evidence is not conclusive enough to prove that it would even enhance the salmon and steel head runs. Dam breaching will cost Idaho workers and Idaho's economy severely. The cost of electricity will escalate, which would be passed on to the citizens of Sugar City, as well as other users of electricity.

We also oppose continuation of flow augmentation of Idaho water. Idaho has supplied more than 10 million acre feet of water flow augmentation in the past five years, and it has resulted in no measurable benefit to salmon. Additional flow augmentation, up to a million acre feet of irrigation water, will cost millions of dollars, loss of jobs and thousands of acres of productive farm land taken out of production. There are those who live in our community who could be adversely affected.

We encourage you to carefully consider your decision, based on the facts of who will be adversely affected, which is the people of the state of Idaho, if the dams are breached and flow augmentation is increased.

Sincerely,

Brent R. Barrus  
Councilman  
City of Sugar City