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Mettler, Lonnie E NWW

From: Arndt, Doug P NWD
Sent: Sunday, April 09, 2000 5:21 PM
To: 'McAllister Orchards'
Cc: Mettler, Lonnie E NWW
Subject: RE: Keep the Dams

Thank you for your input; I will forward it to our Walla Walla District for consideration in our Lower Snake River EIS. In response to your specific concern regarding siltation and quakes; I am not an expert in these matters but I believe that most of the heavy silt coming down the river settles out in the first reservoir it hits. If the Snake dams were removed then it would settle out in the McNary reservoir. Over time we would have to deal with that material. The lighter silt would be carried downstream to the estuary where it would eventually settle out. I don't think that it is sufficient to change the timing or severity of quakes. More of a problem could be that the material may be contaminated with various organic and inorganic chemicals.

-Doug-

-----Original Message-----

From: McAllister Orchards [mailto:mcallister@netcnct.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2000 8:55 AM
To: Arndt, Doug P
Subject: Keep the Dams

I was under the impression that the dams relieved the pressure of the tons of silt on the ocean floor by keeping it inland thus setting the time table back on earth quakes. If we had a MAJOR quake that closed again the Columbia Gorge where would the fish go then? Jerrene McAllister
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