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Walla Walla District
Corps of Engineers
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Attn: **Lower Snake River Study**

Greetings,

We are **opposed to breaching the four dams.**

Our reasons are varied. Our company is in the business of the wise use and stewardship of our renewable natural resources.

Hydropower has the most positive of all socio-economic benefits, and to remove any power in the growing Northwest would be foolish in the long run.

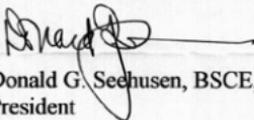
Last year the United States was asked by the international council on global warming to reduce hydrocarbon emissions by 7%. The USA is one of the worst offenders in the world. If we remove hydroelectric dams, we will become more dependent on fossil fuel thus increasing our hydrocarbon emissions and the prospects for global warming. Since likelihood of replacing dams with nuclear power is nil, at this time, the only other economic power source is coal.

The Northwest is growing, and so are power demands. We wonder if the conservation groups now wanting to breach the dams, would be willing to support coal fired power plants to replace them. Our experience says the opposite is probably true. If the Corps should decide to build hydroelectric projects in other locations, prior to breaching these four dams, with equal or additional power generating capability, that might be satisfactory.

The salmon are a different problem, but are they? Who knows if we go to the expense of breaching, whether the wild salmon will return? Or perhaps, the continued effects of global warming on the Japan current will cause them to migrate somewhere else. We've seen it happen recently in Alaska.

In our opinion, based on these reasons, we believe it would be foolhardy to breach the four dams. We hope that the Corps of Engineers recommendation will be to leave the dams in place. We are sure that you will come up with a feasible solution for the fish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Seehusen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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