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Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers :

We need salmon, so the four Lower Snake dams don't make sense.

Your draft Environmental Impact Statement exaggerates the costs of bypassing the four Lower Snake dams by ignoring the huge costs of dam retention and salmon extinction. It is feasible and affordable to bypass the four dams on the Lower Snake River and with strategic capital investments, keep the economy intact, if not ahead, into the 21st Century.

The Corps of Engineers must recommend bypassing the four Lower Snake dams – combined with aggressive efforts to protect and restore fish habitat – to save endangered salmon and steelhead.