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To Army Corps of Engineers,

Extinction of Snake River salmon and steelhead is not an option. The vast majority of scientists say bypassing the lower Snake River dams must be part of any successful recovery plan. Economic studies show dam removal is affordable and the least expensive option on the table.

I support partial dam removal because it is the surest way to save Snake River salmon to self–sustaining, *harvestable* levels as required by laws and treaties. I do so providing that southern Idaho water is protected in return and mitigation measures are put in place to protect those people who would be negatively impacted.

Please consider this my formal comment on the lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon EIS.