

March 27, 2000

Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps Engineers
ATTN: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

RE: Snake River EIS

Dear Sirs:

I oppose Alternative 4, the dam breaching Alternative.

- A. *Because of economic harm to the region by Dam Breaching.*
- B. *Because of uncertainty that breaching will create healthy fish runs.*
- C. *Because survival of smolts under today's program has improved immeasurable.*
- D. *Because Ocean Conditions appear to be improving thus improving survivability.*
- E. *Because dam removal is high risk, may not help fish, but will cause certain economic disruption and eliminate clean renewable electrical energy when the region is facing a projected electrical shortage.*
- F. *Because dam breaching will cost us our economy, our jobs and our way of life.*

Please **keep the dams in place** and work on other solutions including the Brannon By-Pass to solve the salmon problem.

Sincerely,