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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division
Attn: CRSO EIS, P.O. Box 2870
Portland, OR 97208-2870

Dear Brigadier General Scott Spellman, BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer, Regional Director Lorri Lee:

It's past time to remove the four outdated, salmon-killing dams on the lower Snake River. This is an alternative you must consider fully and fairly in the court-ordered environmental impact statement you are preparing for managing the Columbia and Snake River dams.

You must base your analysis of this alternative on the best available science about salmon and other species that depend on them, including endangered killer whales. The analysis must also fully account for the market and non-market economic costs and benefits of dam removal, including the benefits of a restored river and the money tax- and rate-payers will save if the dams go. You must incorporate in your evaluation replacing the electricity from these dams with low-cost carbon-free power, not power from fossil fuels. Also evaluate the benefits of increased water flows and spill in both the Columbia and Snake Rivers when combined with dam removal. And you must actually mitigate for the existing and future impacts of climate change on Snake River salmon.

Such an analysis will lead you to conclude that these dams must go. We don't need them anymore--but we do need to bring back our irreplaceable wild salmon. The biggest step we can take on the path to salmon restoration in the Snake is to remove the lower Snake River dams.

Sincerely,

Idaho Chapter Sierra Club Members & Supporters