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Dear Bonneville Power Administration Steve Wright:

I'm writing to urge you to protect the remaining wild salmon that depend on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Wild salmon are vital, both culturally and economically to the Pacific Northwest region as a whole. Unfortunately, salmon recovery efforts often take a backseat when energy markets are unstable and water resources are limited.

If we are truly serious about saving wild salmon, we must act now to restore the rivers they depend upon. The BPA can play a crucial role by diversifying its energy supplies and investing in clean and renewable energy sources, in addition to hydropower. Such a move would help stabilize energy markets, while also benefiting wild salmon and steelhead populations by lessening the pressure on water resources.

If we want a future that includes abundant wild salmon, healthy economies AND clean and renewable energy sources, BPA must act now. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Heather Mitchell