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Administrator Steve Wright Bonneville Power Administration c/o Save Our Wild Salmon Seattle. Wa 98119

Dear Mr. Wright:

In these difficult economic times some tough decisions are being made concerning energy issues and the environment. I believe that we can accomplish all our goals without sacrificing the environment to the almighty dollar.

Specifically, we need to increase our production of energy from renewable, non-polluting sources. I am heartened to see wind power being used more and am enrolled in buying some of this power through Avista, my local supplier. But we can do much more with wind power and I hope you have plans to do so.

The hydroelectric power component has always been important in this region. No one advocates tearing down all the dams. However, we could certainly do without some of the smaller dams. There is both scientific and economic evidence that the disruption caused by breaching the Snake River dams can be offset quite readily.

We need to be good stewards not just for human life but for the health of the entire ecosystem. We must stop dirtying our planet and reducing the variety of life forms on it. I for one am willing to pay a little more to do the right thing. Be assured that I will resist vehemently any funding earmarked for doing the wrong thing.

Please look carefully at the big picture when considering these issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Delores Schwindt

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