



President Joseph Biden
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Please Breach the Four Lower Snake River Dams in Southeastern Washington

Dear Mr. President,

We are the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, a national grassroots organization led by women with over 8,000 members and supporters across the U.S. who engage in community outreach to inspire activism to preserve, protect, and restore wilderness and wild places.

We are sincerely grateful for all you have done for our country's environmental health and the expanded protection of public lands during your administration. We ask that you do this one last thing for us—start the process to breach the four lower Snake River dams this November to save the salmon and orca who are running out of time.

Under your administration we have moved closer than ever before to saving the Pacific Northwest wild salmon and the orca that depend on a free-flowing Snake River. NOAA issued its findings that only by breaching these four dams will the wild salmon and orca be saved from extinction. Please order the Army Corps of Engineers to breach the four lower Snake River dams, beginning in November of this year with a drawdown of the Lower Granite dam reservoir (the upper most of the four dams) with breaching of the earthen berm in December.

We have written other letters to you in the past about the four Lower Snake River dams in Washington State and their various problems. Your recent report documenting the continuing damage they have inflicted on the Tribes is such a welcome acknowledgement of the harm they do. The Corps knows how to breach these dams as they figured it all out in 2002. It is time to move forward and you have the power to mandate that.

The salmon and orca are running out of time. We don't have 10 more years to get this done. We are pleading with you to start on breaching the dams this year.



Mr. President, this is an issue that has bedeviled every administration since President Eisenhower, who adamantly opposed the construction of these dams in the 1950s. Now is your chance to leave your legacy, start the greatest ecological restoration project in the country to date, and right a terrible historic wrong to Tribes.

Sincerely,
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