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From: Ray Launer

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Subject: Four lower Snake River Dams

I live in Boise, Idaho. I will probably be affected by any decisions regarding the four lower Snake River dams, both in my electric rates and in their effect on the regional economy. I read with great interest about the recent RAND report which suggests that the removal of the four lower Snake River Dams would have a manageable impact on the region. I support the removal of these dams to improve salmon runs and restore this part of the Snake River ecosystem. I would gladly, as a local rate payer, be willing to support these changes through the RAND reports' suggested measures of energy conservation and support of alternative energy sources, even if they cost me more money. I believe that the removal of these dams will in the short run be of negligible effect on the region's economy and in the long run be neutral or beneficial. I also believe the ecological effect will be strongly positive. Thank you, Ray Launer, 743 South Granite Way, Boise, ID 83712.