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From: Rita Windom [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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To: comments@nwppc.org
Subject: flow augmentation vs. water withdrawal

Attn: Mark Walker

RE: 7. PROPOSAL FLOATED TO INCREASE OREGON'S SHARE OF COLUMBIA from the Columbia Basin Bulletin.

Mark, I am not clear as to whether these comments go to you or not, but here they come anyway.

After reading the proposal from Oregon for an additional 1.2 million acre feet for "economic development", I have to say that I am stunned. I was raised in The Dalles, Oregon, and I understand full well the issues of agriculture, fish, municipalities, barge traffic, industrial uses, etc.

Where in the conversation does the NPPC address the needs of the headwaters communities? Once again, we are pushed aside for the downstream interests. Does the Council realize that 1.2 million acre feet equates to the current 20' draft summer flow augmentation from Libby and Hungry Horse combined? What would the drawdown have to be to accommodate an additional 1.2 million acre feet? I am trying very hard to visualize an impoundment area behind the dam configured in a "V" and the impact of an additional drawdown to make up 1.2 Million acre feet. The depth would be considerably more than an additional 20 feet!!!!

The Lincoln County Commissioners are adamantly opposed to any further deterioration of our reservoirs and rivers. We too have issues of agriculture, fish, municipalities, recreation, and economic development. Our needs and concerns must be addressed and considered in all issues of flow augmentation and water withdrawal.

Sincerely,

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