

From: [Clancy and Nora Grant](#)
To: [Wr401program](#)
Subject: Lower Klamath Project
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Re: Klamath River Dam Removal Project

As a resident and property owner here in Siskiyou County I implore you to please stop the removal of these dams. I feel that the real reason behind the removal is more of one of dollars in the pockets of Tribal and environmentalist than it is a betterment for the river and fish. The dams play a very vital part to this county. They provide clean energy, flood control, enough water in the river for the salmon to return and spawn, water for wild fire protection, a bird and turtle refuge, and many more benefits. What happens to all of us property owners when all of this is destroyed by dam removal?? No one wants to answer our questions or concerns. Will this effect our water tables? Will all of us that have properties near the existing lakes lose our wells? Who will compensate us for our devaluation of property if our wells are gone? Where will the CDF and local volunteer fire departments obtain water for fighting fires? What about the current established eco-system that exists here? What about the local farmers and ranchers that depend on the lakes and rivers for crops and livestock? The wildlife, ranchers, and residents, do we not have a voice in this matter? Do the environmentalists or Tribes Care? No! They do not! As long as their pockets are lined with money they are happy. Warren Buffet and Pacific Power have nothing to lose as they will come out on top either way this goes as does KRRC.

Residents here at Irongate Lake Estates, and Copco Lake have fought this for 10+ years to preserve our current way of life and properties. So much of the articles in the press and in the arguments the environmentalists are using are filled with unsubstantiated falsehoods.

Our families have even been part of the studies done on the supposed danger of the algae .Of which none have shown any side effects. People and dogs swim and play in the lake all summer long, cattle and wildlife drink out of the lake daily and NO ONE dies. In anything there is always going to be one person out of a million that has a reaction to something, whether it is an allergy related incident or just stupidity, but the majority should not have to suffer or be punished just because of one out of a million. There are pictures supposedly taken at Irongate Lake with tons of algae and dead fish. Our family has been at Irongate Lake Estates since 1999 and never once have we seen any of this. There were thousands of dollars given out to do water studies, but when we have asked for reports of results conveniently the water testing lab has gone out of business. Let alone the actual testing being done at all. Why do we not hear about the contamination of the river below all the dams by an illegal Meth Lab which produced one of the largest fish kills ever on the Klamath? Or how the tribes net thousands of salmon at the mouth of the river before the salmon even have a chance to start their journey upstream, while shooting seal lions at the same time so they don't lose any of the salmon to them, and then half of those taken end up rotting and wasted. Have been there and seen it! No one will hear of this or many other factors as they serve no purpose to the tribe's and environmentalist spew of lies.

The contamination of dam removal will last for years as they try to clean up all of silt and re-new the river, towns down river will flood, in the summer and in the fall there will be only a trickle in the now flourishing river, fish will be not be able to come upstream as there will be no stream to come up, maintaining a cooler water temperature will be lost, new sources of electric power will have to be established with costs being passed on to the local residents, the current eco-system and wildlife will suffer and some like the turtles at their refuge will die. We have such a large array of wildlife, and birds including the once endangered osprey, bald and golden eagles that call this home. How can their survival and rights not be considered also. As for the salmon they have not been beyond Irongate Lake for over a century and the existing salmon will never go beyond the fish hatchery even with the dam removed, as most of them were spawned at the hatchery or below the Irongate Dam, even then that will be if and when the contaminated trickle of water will even be enough to allow them to get this far. Ask any of the families that have been in the area for generations, they will tell you about the salmon and how they have witnessed flooding of the river in the spring run offs and how in the late summer and fall that the river would barely be a trickle, but that is not being taken into account.

This year with all of the wildfires in Northern California and Southern Oregon these lakes were crucial in the fighting of these devastating fires. Although we were evacuated the Irongate Lake saved us and many others from total burn out. The waters from all of the lakes in this removal project were used to supply water for all of the water drops done by fire fighters. We have been speaking with the Cal-Fire employees and whether or not the big wigs in Cal-Fire agree or not is irrelevant, the employees, the ones with the boots on the ground and fighting these wildfires will tell you KRRC plans of dry hydrants and/or deep pools in the river to be used for firefighting is not a viable solution. It has been stated by a local firefighters, with concern, that in this time with the kind of fires that we have experienced and will very likely be experiencing in the future, along with the loss of life and property that we have seen, it is just beyond belief that dam removal with loss of such water resources is still on the table. The reservoirs are used every year and the loss of these resources are inconceivable, and could result in loss of life and property!

In addition to the environmental impact, the fire fighting resources, potential devaluation of property, and the strong possibility of a change in the groundwater tables and loss of our wells, there is the loss of a source of clean energy from the hydro-plant on Irongate Lake. Ex Governor Jerry Brown just signed into law that all energy in the state of California by 2045 must be from a clean energy source. So why would it be agreeable to take out an existing clean energy source only to turn around and have to build another?? This defies all logic and reasonable sense.

I implore you, please help us put a stop to this terrible tragedy once and for all.

Sincerely,
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As a resident of Irongate Lake Estates I find KRRC's plan for the removal and restoration totally unacceptable. It is filled mostly with speculation of how it will go and end up, with no sound science backing any of it up. And their plan for just piling up the debris of concrete, dirt, clay and whatever else in to hills, covering it up with topsoil and planting local plants on it to make it blend in to surroundings totally absurd. If this is so appealing to them then let them build these hills of debris in their back yards!!!!

You have the opportunity to stop this tragedy now instead of waiting until it all goes terribly wrong and reaping the consequences of the error of your decision to remove these dams.

Ultimately when all is said and done and this whole scenario goes totally array we will hold **YOU** responsible and liable.

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