

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

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!

It is my understanding that only certain states require sediment management plans prior to a dam removal (Csike and Rhoads, 2010) and I am concerned regarding the lack of clarity about the acceptable magnitude and/or the duration of contaminated sediment release from a former reservoir after the removal of the dam.

There have been recent controversies surrounding several dam removals which indicate continued concern regarding contaminated sediment issues and will continue to grow in importance in dam removal and river restoration projects.

The lack of clarity and/or duration may be grounds for litigation, which exposes the organizations that are involved in this dam removal and supposed river restoration to liability risks.

I just got through reading a file that was sent to me by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and was appalled by some of what I was reading.

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, that maybe toxic, 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.

Sincerely,
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