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For more than 25 years my family, including my service connected veteran husband, has enjoyed the lakes created by the Klamath River dams, especially Copco and Irongate. We have visited the productive fish hatchery at Irongate. We have fished for bass, blue gill, trout and other fish in the lakes. The osprey, bald eagles, and blue heron all depend on these lakes and have for many decades. Otters, beavers and numerous other aquatic animals depend on these lakes for their survival. Farmers upstream depend on their waters for irrigation and farmers downstream depend on the dam's flood control. THERE WILL BE NO COMPARABLE ALTERNATIVE.

With high rates of opioid addiction and suicide in our area, the removal of such wonderful stress relieving activities that these lakes provide is incogitable. No river activity compares to the peace and tranquility of lake activity. And if thrills are more your preference, no river activity can top the blast of boating fun on the lakes. Whether it's skiing, tubing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, barefooting, and wakeskating - the fun and refreshment is incomparable.

The dams provide clean, renewable power. The dams provide employment at good living wages.

Rivers are a resource to be respectfully managed. They are not a living creature that needs to be free to thrive. They are like a forest that grows strong when they are properly handled and directed. These dams provide good stewardship of the river, maximizing its potential and multiplying its benefits to many.

Washington Representatives Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse were able to come up with a positive bill to save the Snake River dams and provide fish, flood control, affordable clean power, and recreational activities supported by all concerned parties. I bet you do to the same.

DO NOT REMOVE THE KLAMATH RIVER DAMNS. VISIT THE LAKES AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW FLAWED THE REMOVAL PLAN REALLY IS.

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