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These are my comments on the plan to remove the Dams at Copco and Iron-gate lakes. I understand this has been planned for several years and the reasons I've read, continued to change until 2018. The real impact on the Dam removal has been reviewed by many "experts" and several don't agree with the current statements coming out of the CA and Fed. Gov. Agencies charged with this program. Removing these dams is unnecessary and will have a bad outcome for the people first, and the collapse of several eco systems including deer, elk, small animals and fish from salmon to sucker fish.

When reviewing the history and reasons for constructing these dams, little has changed to warrant removal. The flow levels of the Klamath River before the dams, was little to none during the driest part of each year. How removing the dams will improve habitat for fish is hard to understand, when there will be little to no water flow to provide passage for migrating fish's. These resources are of great Public Benefit and can continue to be a benefit for decades to come. The beneficial use of our resources is what the Klamath Compact refers to on every subject the Compact covers. These dams should remain regardless of whether or not the hydro power production continues or stops.

If we can't trust and depend on our public officials to be honest and open about their reasons and agendas, regarding protection of the people's beneficial resources, then nothing should be done until confidence is restored. Also, Govs. should be held to the same standards as the general public when their plans include a negative environmental impact to beneficial public resources. Allowing the sediments behind these dams to be released into the Klamath river, will have a much bigger and longer negative impact on the river, than the official reports state, (and there are several estimates over the last decade). When considering the historic river flows before the dams were built, it will be a man caused disaster on the river and environment. Don't destroy a publicly beneficial resource and pollute the Klamath river basin. We the public want our Reservoirs left in place and the flows maintained in the lower river. What's the hurry?

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