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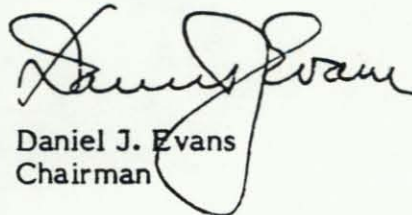
Dear Mr. Leavelle:

On November 15, 1982, the Northwest Power Planning Council adopted its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Section 1200 of the program contains measures which address the development of new hydroelectric facilities. Measure 1204(c) calls for a study of alternative means for designating critical stream reaches and wildlife habitat areas to be protected from future hydroelectric development on a systemwide basis.

During the development of the Fish and Wildlife Program a number of habitat areas were proposed for such protection. The Council is providing you with the full list of those areas so that you will be aware that these areas will be undergoing evaluation for possible protection from further hydroelectric development. The Council hopes that this information will be of use to you in planning for future hydroelectric resources.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed list, please do not hesitate to contact Curt Marshall, Manager of the Fish and Wildlife Program, at (503) 222-5161.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Evans
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PROPOSED LIST OF COLUMBIA BASIN RIVERS
TO BE PROTECTED FROM FURTHER HYDROELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT:

1. South Fork of Snake River, from Palisades Dam to Heise (Idaho)
2. Henry's Fork, Snake River (Idaho)
3. Hells Canyon Reach, Snake River (Idaho)
4. Big Lost River (Idaho)
5. Boise River (Idaho)
6. Owyhee River (Idaho and Oregon)
7. Bruneau River (Idaho)
8. South Fork of Payette River (Idaho)
9. Salmon River Basin (Idaho)
10. Clearwater Basin (Idaho)
11. The former Asotin Project area of Snake River (Washington and Idaho)
12. Kootenai River - all (Montana)
13. Tributaries to north and middle forks of Flathead River (Montana)
14. Big Blackfoot River (Montana)
15. Rock Creek (Montana)
16. Fish Creek (Montana)
17. Clark Fork River (Mile 76-167) (Montana)
18. Kootenai River (Mile 172-186) (Montana)
19. Yaak River (Mile 0-35) (Montana)
20. Thompson River (Mile 0-15) (Montana)
21. Bull River (Mile 0-5) (Montana)
22. Clackamas River above North Fork Dam (Oregon)
23. Molalla River (Oregon)
24. Willamette Falls, Willamette River (Oregon)
25. North Fork of John Day River (Oregon)
26. South Fork of John Day River (Oregon)
27. Lake Branch, tributary of Hood River (Oregon)
28. Abiqua Creek, below impassable falls, Willamette River system (Oregon)
29. Luckiamute River (Oregon)
30. John Day River main stem (Oregon)
31. Imnaha River (Oregon)
32. Grand Ronde River (Oregon)
33. Deschutes River (Oregon)
34. Umatilla River Basin (Oregon)
35. Salmon River, Sand River Basin (Oregon)
36. Owyhee River (Oregon and Idaho)
37. Sandy River (Oregon)
38. McKenzie River (Oregon)
39. Santiam River (Oregon)
40. Calapooia River (Oregon)
41. Wind River (Washington)
42. Little White Salmon River (Washington)
43. White Salmon River (Washington)
44. Klickitat River (Washington)
45. Yakima and Entiat (Washington)
46. Okanogan River (Washington)
47. American River (Washington)
48. Bumping River, from Bumping Lake to the mouth (Washington)
49. Little Naches River, lower four miles (Washington)
50. Naches River (Washington)
51. Cle Elum River, from Cle Elum Dam to the mouth (Washington)
52. Grays River (Washington)

53. East Lewis River (Washington)
54. Hanford Reach of the mid-Columbia (Washington)
55. The former Asotin Project area of Snake River (Washington and Idaho)
56. Methow River (Washington)
57. Similkameen River (Washington)
58. Wenatchee River (Washington)