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To: DOE
Mr. Thomas W. Ferns

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I am a lifetime resident of Washington State, and grew up in Richland. The preservation of ecologically significant lands at Hanford is very important to me.

Please adopt your "Preferred Alternative", but with some important modifications, including:

(A.) The following adjoined DOE lands should be managed as a permanent Wildlife Refuge – Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, McGee Ranch, the entire Wahluke Slope, Hanford Reach, Columbia River islands.

(B.) Please, there should be no agriculture, commercial mining or livestock grazing permitted!

Please expedite a final decision on management of uncontaminated lands by issuing separate decisions for the areas listed above in (A).

Save this beautiful and unique part of my home so others can learn why I love it; and the precious plants and animals may survive.

Sincerely, Dawn Bern

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