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To whom it may concern:

I am a freshman at Kennewick High School. I'm also a member of the Sierra Club. I'm writing to say that I approve of the DoE's plan to protect the Hanford Reach. However, as this is the last free-flowing ~~stretch~~ stretch of the Columbia after the Bonneville dam, I think there should be more and better protection for all the natural lands in the nuclear reservation. I personally think the DoE should include in the refuge all of the public lands on the McGee Ranch and Wahluke Slope, along with the Reach and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. DoE should procede with a seperate Record of Decision to establish the national wildlife refuge. I've lived here all my life. My mom went to highschool in the 60's here, too. I would like for some wildlands to stay here. The river is also important for the salmon, who are becoming more and more rare. Thank you for taking these ideas in concideration.

Sincerely,

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