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I am writing to say that we want very strong protection of the free-flowing Columbia River and desert steppe-land of the Hanford Reach.

We support DOE's preferred alternative in the impact statement and land use plan, but we want more and better protection of all natural and sensitive lands within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

We want DOE to include within the wildlife refuge all of the public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

DOE should proceed immediately with a separate Record of Decision in order to establish the wildlife refuge, and protect these special places and natural values in the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Such devastation in many ways followed the nuclear uses of this land. It would be a beautiful act of balance, compensation, and restoration to have such life-serving good occur now with the preservation of this treasure.

Sincerely,

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