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Hanford Remedial Action EIS
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Dear People:

I am speaking in support of the DOE alternative^{#2} for the Hanford area, with amendments as proposed by the Sierra Club.

As you know, these include the recommendation that all public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach with its islands, the McGee ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve be included within the National Wildlife Refuge. I believe that a separate Record of Decision is necessary to establish the Refuge.

I oppose grazing on the Hanford nuclear reservation, and I oppose opening the Wahluke Slope to agriculture.

The fact that the above lands are relatively pristine is a surprising benefit from the years of military/atomic reservation use. By keeping them for the public, no entity is being deprived of revenues formerly enjoyed. Farming (and the taxes thus generated) would benefit a limited few and only a modest area. The region will not miss that which it has not yet enjoyed.

Please preserve the Hanford Reach and its environs.

Sincerely,



Patty Houff

copy: Senator Patty Murray

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