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Dear Mr. Ferns:

We are urging you to protect in its natural state the Hanford Reach and surrounding hills, particularly the Wahluke Slope.

This is a real treasure for the whole West, especially in light of the struggling salmon survival.

Please designate all public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, its islands, the McGee Ranch and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve as a National Wildlife Refuge.

Please restrict all mining except as necessary to the cleanup of Hanford.

Please oppose grazing to protect wildlife reproduction and nesting birds.

Please issue a separate Record of Decision for all mentioned areas. These are prime fish and wildlife habitat and should not have to wait for protection until the cleanup of Hanford.

Thank you for taking time to read our letter. Please push for keeping this very special area in its natural state.

Sincerely,

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