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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to support the DoE's preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement dealing within the Hanford Reach. Please include within the national wildlife refuge all public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the islands in the Hanford Reach, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

The DoE should quickly make a separate Record of Decision to establish the national wildlife refuge to protect these special places in the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Regards,



David Hedge

Cc: Sen. Patty Murray