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Re: Protection of Hanford Reach

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am very concerned about the preservation and protection of the national treasure consisting of the free-flowing Columbia River and desert steppe lands of the Hanford Reach.

I support the Department of Energy's preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement and land use plan, but I specifically request more and better protection of all natural and environmentally sensitive lands within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

The Department of Energy should include within the national wildlife refuge ALL of the public lands on the Wahluke slope, the Hanford Reach especially its islands, the McGee Ranch, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Shoemaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Robert Shoemaker
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Senator Patty Murray