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Re: Senatorx Murray's bill pending before Congress.

I add my name + voice to the forward-looking people locally as well as those across our nation who recognize the value of the Hanford Reach and have worked hard to be heard against the people who want to develop the land without regard to how plants, animals + the river + the unique Waike Slope will be affected by proposed changes.

I have been on the Reach by boat + enjoyed the quiet, the wildlife, the feeling of the free-flowing water as the boat was drifting without power. I have walked the Waike Slope area + have loved the smell of sage, and the raw beauty of looking across the river from ^{the} slope + across the Hanford Site with its open acres of sage.

I want all of the to remain. There are so few places where one can really feel the natural world surround them - but this is one of them.

I want the land left for wildlife, + for natural flowers (some unique to this place), sage, + rabbit brush; to have space for a real plant + animal community.

This will be a TREASURE forever if we protect it now + it is for everyone.

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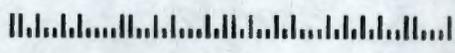
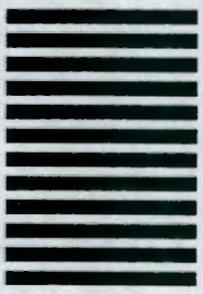


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