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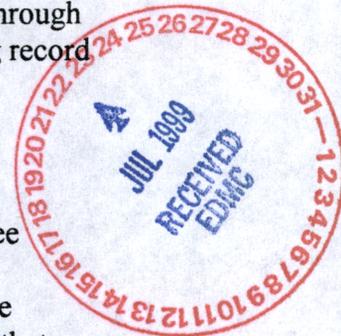
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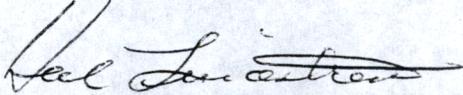
Dear Mr. Ferns,

Kittittas Audubon Society (KAS), a chapter of National Audubon with members through the Kittitas Valley in central Washington State wish to have placed on the Hearing record their support of DOE's Preferred Alternative with the following changes:

1. Designate the Reach a Wild & Scenic River
2. Include the entire public land area on the Hanford Reach, its islands, the McGee Ranch, the Wahluke Slope, and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve as National Wildlife Refuge. So that resolution of problems associated with cleaning up the Hanford nuclear reservation will not delay the rest of the designations, we ask that separate Records of Decision be issued for the areas mentioned above.
3. Oppose grazing on the Hanford reservation
4. Oppose mining operations with the exception of those associated with cleaning up the nuclear reservation.



We recognize the lateness of this response; hopefully better late than never.


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