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Comments on Klamath River Dams

California State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program

Attention: Parke Thaler

Dear Sir,

As someone who grew up in the Cascades, I have a unique perspective of the region. One side of my family is descendants of the Modoc Tribe and the other side are descendants of the settlers (potato farmers). You can imagine how much fun our family holidays were. This explains in part why I now live in the San Francisco bay area.

Having firsthand knowledge of the area that is impacted by Pacific Corporation's dams, I truly feel that the Fall Creek Dam, Copco Dams 1 & 2, and the Iron Gate Dam must not have their licenses renewed.

I was born in the 1950's, my experiences in both California and Oregon regarding the lakes and rivers have confirmed in my mind that we have let this travesty to our environment continue for too long. So much has been lost to the dams:

The salmon run, steelhead run, sucker fish, minnows, deer, elk, beaver, bear, crab season, the list goes on and on.

Pacific Corp has not shown any environmental consideration in my life time to the destruction the dams have caused. It is time to end this failed experiment to our wildlife and our water sources. There is a considerable toxic algae disaster waiting to occur because Pacific Corp has not managed the water to the best of their ability – or if this is the best of their ability they are woefully inept – another reason not to renew their licenses. The power generated by these dams can be replaced. The cost to the environment is much greater than any power bill that someone has to pay. All life matters, not just humans and their need for an inexpensive power source at the cost of an entire eco system.

Please thoughtfully consider the continued environmental and human damage these dams are causing. It brings to mind the horrible water issue that Flint Michigan is having due to poor water resource management. Act now and save our water. Please let the Klamath River run free on the California side. I can only hope the Oregonians will do the same.

Optimistically,

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