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**Date:** Sat, Feb 2, 2008 9:38 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Project

We are farmers and rely on Roza Irrigation for water for our crops. Water has been in very short supply for that irrigation district in some of the past years and more than likely will be in short supply in the future. We feel that the Black Rock Project is essential to assure adequate water supply in the future.

Thank you

John and Jeff Long  
J & J Farm  
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**Date:** Sat, Feb 2, 2008 2:06 PM  
**Subject:** Pro Black Rock

I'm not a farmer nor do I count in any industry used for economic models for this project. I don't personally benefit from the Reservoir in any way. I am however a life long resident of Yakima (with few exceptions) and I have followed the Black Rock project. More than that I follow the Bureau of Reclamation web site frequently, as a bit of a computer geek I watch the inflow versus out-flow of water within our reservoir system every year and have learned the cycles for water usage.

In the spring an excessive amount of water is discharged into our five reservoirs, particularly in the Rimrock watershed. Out-flow is increased in the spring wasting huge amounts of water in order to keep reservoirs from overflowing, that is in a banner year. This year, for instance, we will see flooding and huge pass-through of water, enough to fill many Black Rock reservoirs. A good year of snow does not mean a great year for farmers; if too much melts too early we lose the "sixth" reservoir which is by far the most massive, the snow pack. We also know that in the next few years we will enter another drought just like every other cycle and without the carryover our reservoirs will be lower and lower each year until we have to throttle usage, Black Rock reduces that chance. Government loves redundancy because the public count on consistency, Black Rock gives us that consistency.

While I'm sure science questions the location based on the absorption rate of a reservoir on a desert floor, I had wondered why you don't look in the hills for more storage space but I guess the environmentalists care more about the trees than the desert. Therefore when the numbers don't look so promising because of desert condition losses you have to weigh that with your options available, zilch. Storing water is very similar to building power generation, the need will grow and the supply has to match it. This project also adds the Columbia as a source for our irrigation needs with its excess flow; a new source is always a good backup.

Without belaboring this letter let me make my point, we have arid land with rich soil and some good sized hills to serve as two to three walls of a big lake in several places. We run low enough on water every 7-10 years to have to ration and therefore lose crops which are used efficiently to feed the world. We have an Indian Nation we can't ignore who has requirements that are good for all of us. Even if they aren't our first priorities; fish runs are also good for the food supply and the economy. Your .16 cent return on investment is just some made up number likely slanted by people with an agenda. Meanwhile we spend more than this project costs blowing up other countries every month just to

save oil which ironically is a source of power just like this would be. While there are plenty of pork barrel projects out there this isn't one of them, it addresses a need in infrastructure for a growing region that produces positive cash flow for the government in a myriad of various industries from airplanes to apples.

In conclusion, I've always felt the government's primary role is protection and infrastructure, everything else is a perk when we can afford it. If we can't feed, provide water or power for our own citizens someone dropped the ball on their primary assignment. Your agency became the trendsetter for responsible infrastructure growth that matched the needs of population in the 1930's. Agencies sometimes get lazy to their primary mandate, this is your opportunity to continue that mandate with one more big project that benefits so many more Americans than just this region. I encourage you to approve Black Rock.

Thank you,

Forbes Mercy

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**Date:** Sat, Feb 2, 2008 10:02 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock

Under continueing operating costs

If Black Rock were to be approved with recreational opportunities provided.

This lake would become a draw for tourists to the region and if there were to be land set aside for a state or county RV and Recreation Park, as well as a bike path and swim beaches around the lake, the amount of revenue from recreation would be substantial. The one thing the Yakima Valley does not have to offer its residents and tourists is a lake close to the city.

Diane Smestad

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**Subject:** Black Rock Reservoir Proposal

Sirs:

I don't care how much lipstick one tries to slap on this pig, it's still a multi-billion dollar squealing, oinking, pig.

Regardless of Sid Morrison's rhetoric ( BTW- I though Republicans were supposed to be fiscally responsible. Guess that got dropped a long time ago): This valley has plenty of water for the original settlers' ancestors, the communities and the reservation. What it does NOT have is sufficient water for all the johnny-come-lately's who are junior water rights developers looking to exploit land that can't afford the development. Furthermore, with climate change looming, even those who were already here are going to have to shift from water-intensive agriculture (like apples) to water-thrifty agriculture (vineyards) and water-saving irrigation techniques like drip irrigation, dryland farming, etc.

Black Rock isn't going to solve anything but it will take huge amounts of money out of the middle-class tax-paying public (already burdened by Bush's Iraqi war, etc) and funnel it into the pockets of a few farmers who are well-connected politically, and a few recreationists who are happy to have the public subsidize their fishing and boating,etc.

NO THANKS.

-Tom Utterback  
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**Date:** Sun, Feb 3, 2008 4:10 PM  
**Subject:** Water Storage comments

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the water storage study for the Yakima River basin.

The Black Rock reservoir proposal makes no sense for a number of reasons.

It would be enormously expensive. Dividing the estimated cost of the project by the number of farm acres potentially opened up to agriculture results in a figure much higher than any possible return.

Some people are touting this project because of a precieved profit in land development. Taxpayers should not be footing the bill for profiteering by real estate developers.

Large reservoirs have been advocated as a benefit to the general public for recreation as well as for water storage, but the reality has always been that the cross-purposes of water storage usage and recreation do not mesh well.

The land that would be innundated by a reservoir has value and that value would be destroyed. Eastern Washington shrub steppe is disappearing at a fast rate, and the result is endangerment of a precious ecological system, with likely extinction of some plants and animals.

Above ground storage is inefficient due to seepage and evaporation.

For these and other reason, I oppose the building of more large reservoirs.

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**Subject:** Black Rock Comment

Good Day,

I am a resident of Virginia, however I have ties to the NW. I support the creation of Black Rock Reservoir on the basis that it will provide an economic boon for the inland northwest, as well as provide for the continued production of foodstuffs for our country in the event of severe drought conditions. Couple this with the obvious benefits to the endangered fish runs of the northwest, I fail to see how this proposal could be turned down. One only needs to look to the SW of the country to see how vital proper water management is to the continued success of regional economies and ecosystems.

I find it compelling that we as a nation are considering spending vast sums of money to remove much needed hydro-electric capability along the Snake river in the name of fish, we would not consider spending money on this project which will provide great benefit to both man and fish.

Very Respectfully,  
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**From:** "John A. Estep" <John.Estep@EstepSoftware.com>  
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**Date:** Mon, Feb 4, 2008 5:56 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Proposal

Dear Sirs:

The Black Rock dam proposal is a highly imaginative scheme for separating the taxpayers from their hard-earned dollars. Evidently the people leading the charge on this absurd proposal fail to understand that it is gravity that makes such water storage projects feasible. No one has told them that for gravity to do its job, the snow melt and rain must originate at an elevation higher than the dam. The idea of paying for electricity to pump water up hill to fill a dam would be most amusing were it not for the possibility that countless bureaucrats will see this as their opportunity to create an empire and so shove it down the taxpayer's throats.

If the backers of this plan really feel that this is a good idea, they will finance it completely through voluntary investments from those people who expect to benefit from the scheme. The fact that their first act is to try to take the money by force from the taxpayers is an explicit admission on their part that the scheme is not economically viable.

It should be the recommendation of the government that all proponents of this idiotic scheme be required, at their own expense, to take an elementary school science class. Only then will they learn the gravity of this situation.

Sincerely,  
John A. Estep  
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**From:** <LStansel@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** Existing Storage

I keep wondering how many acres of increased water storage could be gained by dredging the existing storage lakes. In 100 years there must be huge amounts of silt that has settled into them. When the water levels are low it would seem feasible to haul it out. Has anyone done a feasibility study to see how much increased storage could be obtained? It has to be less costly than many of the other proposals.

What is the surface area of current resevoirs on the Yakima and Naches Rivers when they are full? Hopefully, someone will take a serious look at this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Lois Stansel

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**Subject:** Black Rock

Dear Colleagues,

Given the recent findings about the effects of climate change in the Western part of the US and the likelihood of worsening drought, it seems to be imperative to support some kind of increased storage for the Yakima Valley.

I am a member of the Watershed Planning Council for the Yakima Basin and a biology instructor at Yakima Valley Community College and have lived in the Valley for 30 years. I know how important fish, agriculture, and jobs are to Yakima and the Basin. Climate change is real and here to stay, increased storage is the logical source and Blackrock is the best of those choices.

Thanks.

Mike

Mike Harves

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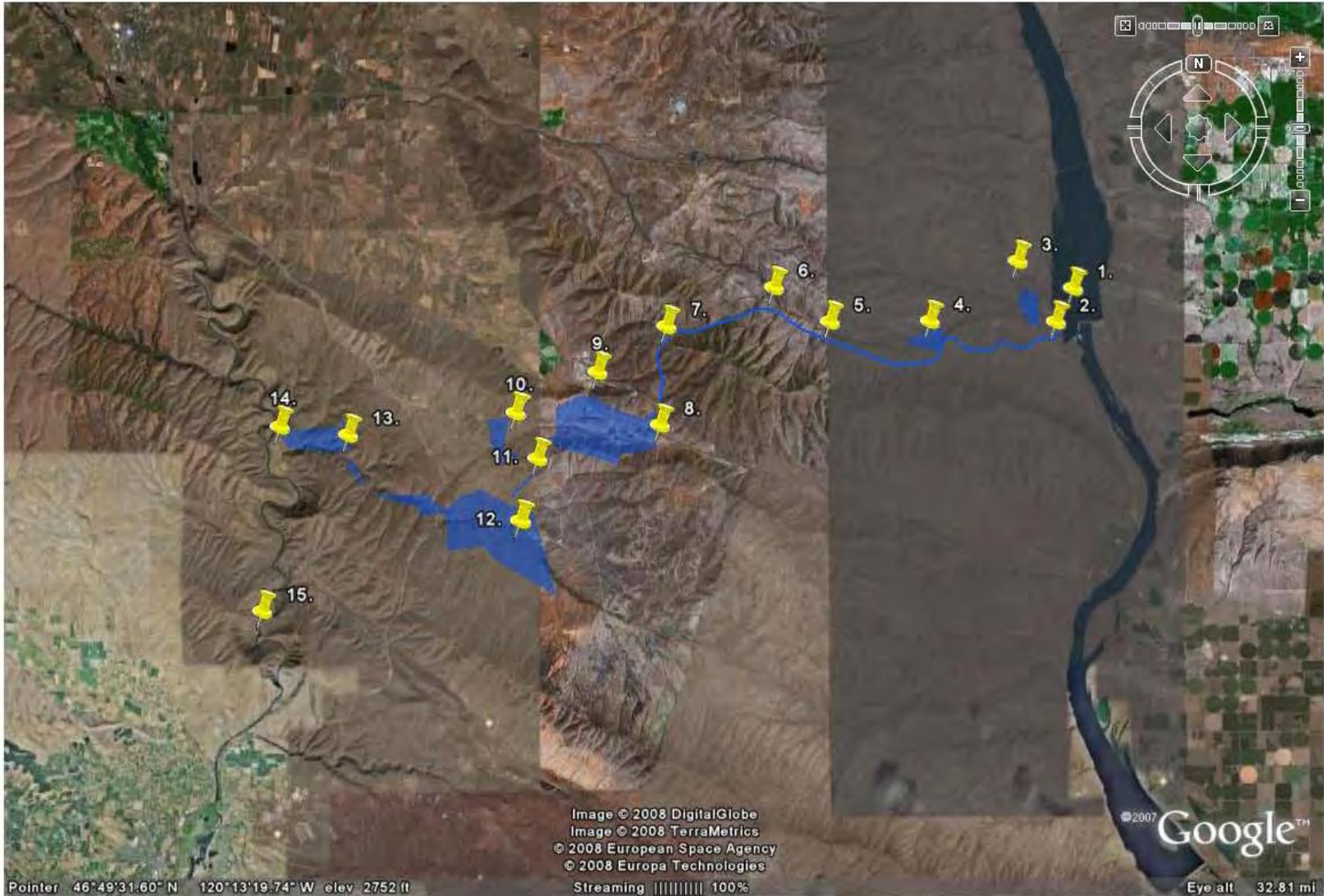
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**Hi Kim, here is that kmz file. The 2 Badger Pools and the 2 Wymer Pools would total about 800,000 acre feet. The people who might benefit would be the Kittitas Valley, the Training Center and the Roza District.**

**Kim, you can reach me at 833-8025. Thank you for your time. Ron M.**



-  [1.](#)  
Pump from Wanapum Pool, ideally pump during spring run off.
-  [2.](#)  
Pipe Line follows Railroad Bed.  
To turn on railroad feature in Goggle Earth:
-  [3.](#)  
Johnson Creek Reservoir
-  [4.](#)  
Johnson Creek Upper Pool
-  [5.](#)  
Pipe Line uses Old Railroad Bed
-  [6.](#)  
Pipe Line turns and goes up Foster Creek.
-  [7.](#)  
Gravity Flow from the saddle at the head of Foster Creek west into Badger Gap Res.  
Approx elevation gain from Wanapum Pool to the saddle is 2,360 feet.
-  [8.](#)  
Badger Gap Reservoir
-  [9.](#)  
Low point at Badger Gap means gravity flow back into Ellensburg Valley. If the system was designed it could gravity flow water to the west side of Ellensburg City. This way Kittitas Valley benefits also.
-  [10.](#)  
Badger Gap Lower Pool
-  [11.](#)  
Pipe Line, Gravity flow from Badger Gap Res. to Upper Wymer Pool.
-  [12.](#)  
Upper Wymer Pool. The Training Center can also use this pool for water related trainings. This would avoid the protests from using the Columbia. The Training Center benefits from this Pool.
-  [13.](#)  
Wymer Reservoir
-  [14.](#)  
During the Spring run off, pump water from Yakima into Wymer
-  [15.](#)  
Head Gate for the Roza Canal. If need be you can pipe the water from Wymer to here. It is 4.5 to 5 miles distance. Why would you pipe it? Because some may say that you can't bring Columbia water to the Yakima it would mess the spawning salmon L
-  Badger Gap Pipe Line to Upper Wymer Pool Gravity Flow
-  Johnson Creek / Foster Creek Pipe Line
-  Johnson Creek Reservoir
-  Johnson Creek upper Reservoir
-  Badger Gap Reservoir
-  Badger Gap Lower Pool
-  Wymer Upper Pool
-  Wymer Reservoir

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**Subject:** My opinion..... Darlene Dahlin

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I am a friend of the BlackRock project and live about as close to the  
proposed site as you can get. Whether or not it survives the scrutiny will be  
interesting to watch.

I know what it is like to have great ideas and I have done well with  
developing some of my ideas in my life. I have made a suggestion to people  
within the Blackrock project but it is falling on deaf ears, I guess. After  
looking at the opinion page of the Yakima Herald 2/3/2008 I am once again  
inspired to share my idea with you.

This is one heck of a piece of concrete! I feel like the project has many  
advantages and maybe some disadvantages but what about making it something  
that people from everywhere would want to see? Why not make the east end of  
the dam the largest mural in the world? Toppenish is filled with wonderful

murals sprinkled throughout their town and I am sure it is a draw for people and the indian culture is definitely a great part of these murals and an integral part of this project. I am sure this would be very interesting to them. They have touted that this project would be a boon to the economy and develop into golf courses, new homes and even a small community with stores, etc. Look at the picture and imagine it in beautiful murals (or mural) that we could all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Darlene Dahlin

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Reference: Black Rock Water Storage

Gentlemen:

The Black Rock project is very much like many of the most significant undertakings in the history of this nation. History may judge us harshly unless we proceed at least until we find that there are engineering reasons or other absolutes that continued pursuit would not be sensible. At the present time the cost/benefit judgment is detrimental to the project, but that may not be one bit accurate.

We face ever-tighter water needs in the future but so long as the Columbia River flows we seemingly have a major solution for this area. I am not an engineer and do not understand the judgments made on the cost analyses, but among many other things, this country in the past:

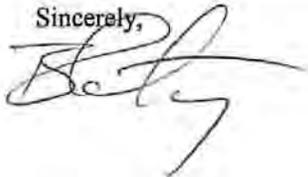
- Built post roads under the Articles of Confederation and the early Congresses
- Granted huge tracts of land to railroads and forests to schools
- Gave Oklahoma and many other tracts to homesteaders
- Invested in massive flood controls required by the Mississippi
- Brought electricity to rural America
- Dammed many more rivers, including the Columbia, for power and water
- Committed to the Columbia Basin reclamation project for irrigation and power

Look at this country! Look at the benefits of everything from sending Lewis and Clark west, to the purchase of Alaska, all of the above, and so many other undertakings. It is time to look again at the cost/benefits that you have been through. It may be that all of the above would have penciled out fine if they had undergone today's review processes, but assuredly none of them would pencil out at anywhere near the value they have become to this country. If Black Rock does not project tremendous return on value in utilizing water otherwise lost to the sea, the evaluation is at fault. It is not revealing the true value of having water available to our children and their children as America goes forth into our future.

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This is not an appeal to find a way. It is an appeal to judge this proposal from lessons of history, from the present availability and future value of increasingly scarce water, and from multiple future needs. We Can't Not Do It!

Sincerely,



cc: The Honorable Doc Hastings  
Representative in Congress

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**Subject:** Comments Regarding Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study

The Yakima River Basin does not have enough water to meet the needs of all the users in the basin, when the needs of fish are included. This is obvious from the decline of fish stocks in the Yakima River. Sufficient water for all agricultural users is not always available, resulting in economic losses during dry years. Population growth in the Yakima River Basin will increase pressure on fish stocks and agriculture unless more water can be made available somehow.

The only alternative in the Yakima River Basin Storage Feasibility Study which allows for increasing the amount of water available for use in the basin is the Black Rock Dam option. By making Columbia River water available to users in the Yakima River Basin, stream flows in the Yakima River can be maintained at levels significantly higher than currently possible. This is essential if water temperatures in the reach between Prosser and the mouth of the Yakima River are to be lowered, an critical element in improving fish stocks.

The Black Rock Dam reservoir also offers the potential for use as an energy storage facility, in that wind generated electricity could be used (when available,) for pumping water into the reservoir. This energy could be recaptured when releases from the reservoir are made.

Further population growth in the Yakima River Basin is likely to be curtailed if additional sources of water are not made available. Calculating the cost of prohibiting further development is impossible, but it is certain that it would be substantial.

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Re: The Proposed Black Rock Dam

As an 85 year old citizen of this Nation, 62 years citizen of Kittitas County, Washington, I well remember controversy, pros and cons, created by the needs and desires to build the great dams that are the life blood of our western states.

Our Nation was in a deep depression, yet men and women of foresight prevailed. Coulee Dam and others were built and today we are still reaping the benefits of their foresight.

After following the studies, pro and con, for the Black Rock Dam for the past two years, I believe this proposal is the best put forth.

I believe the pluses outweigh the minuses, the irrigators will have their sure supply of water, wildlife and recreational projects will thrive. Thousands of people will be affected for the better and the profit returns will be much greater than anticipated by this last study.

I believe if our government can fund two very unpopular wars, "as they say" to help people of these nations, it should damn well fund this project to help the people of our great basin, Washington state and our country in general.

Viewing the global weather situation, prudent people should start thinking of water storage and conservation. My hope is to see your name and support behind this great and beneficial project.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lowatchie  
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Yakima, Washington

To: @Home, T May Concern,

The implementation of high altitude lakes and water storage are cost effective with little or no environmental impact.

Examples such are Clear lake, Dog lake, Bear lake where small streams flow through the seasons.

This would also give benefits in a more broader range.

Such as Forest Fire Control, recreation, fish enhancement, irrigation, migratory birds and water fowl.

Plus creating natural underground aquifers. And a steady temperature in the water.

With snow and rain amounts greater in some areas than others.

This would broaden the range areas for catch basins.

Along with piping of current irrigation canals

Too much water is lost to evaporation and percolation.

Another benefit is to stop the drowning each year to children falling into them.

As well as stopping the pollution of cars being dumped. And toxic chemical use from roads and accidents on our open road ways.

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The infuture of our natural  
resources. Is the future to this  
Nations Success.

We must lead through example.  
Rather than words and illuminated  
assumptions.

I ask MR Morrison along with  
Federal and State representatives  
to consider these means. And come  
on board for the future.

This I dedicate to the late Vance  
Morrison.

Who also had to enhance this  
Countys and States infrastructure.

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Thank You

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The implementation of high altitude  
lakes and reservoirs. With examples  
like Dog lake, Clear lake. Though small  
in size distributed over areas across  
The Cascades. Adequate stream flows  
can be maintained.

These are also cost effective.  
Build to afford as the needs of supply  
would require.

Because of these areas. The benefits  
are multiple.

Water for Forest fire use, Recreation,  
Fish enhancement, Irrigation, Migratory  
Birds and water fowl. And mammals  
plus creating natural areas for  
under ground aquifers.

And keeping water temperatures ~~at~~  
a more stable.

plus with snow amounts greater in  
some areas, as well as rain showers.

This system would give a broader  
range for run off.

Environmental impact would be minimal  
or none existant.

A legacy to the future generations.  
And a tribute to a friend. The late  
Vance Munson. Who also had insight  
into the future.

I ask Mr Morrison to come on board  
for this aquasition. Along with  
Federal and state representatives.

Thank you

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Re: Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study  
Log No: 013108-05-BOR

Dear Mr. Kaumheimer;

Thank you contacting our department. We have reviewed Draft Planning Report/ Environmental Impact State for the proposed Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study in Benton and Yakima Counties, Washington.

As described in Chapter 4 any alteration, excavation, and construction of the proposed project would result in the adverse effect to significant cultural resources. As a consequent, substantive inventory, evaluation, and development of treatment plans for significant cultural properties will be required.

Rather than a Memorandum of Agreement as suggested on page 4-258 we would suggest a Programmatic Agreement be developed for the project.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on the behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Fri, Feb 22, 2008 9:37 PM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Reservoir - Yakima

Please be advised that I am strongly supportive of the project known as Black Rock Reservoir in Yakima. This effort will solve so many problems, both current and future. Most that are hard to calculate with dollars now. Problems that ARE coming and that will be MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE to resolve down the road than they are to prevent now. I know you are aware of these. Please have the courage to anticipate what's coming so that our grandchildren can proclaim as genius the people that made this project a reality.

Thank you, Jim Dwinell, 3800 Fruitvale Blvd. Yakima, WA 98902

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**Subject:** Black Rock Reservoir

I totally support the BLACK ROCK PROJECT!

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**Date:** Mon, Feb 25, 2008 9:59 AM  
**Subject:** Back Rock

To whom it may concern,

My brother and I first started farming with the purchase of an orchard in 1972. The first water short year, we experienced, was in 1973. That was followed by more shortages, 1977, then 1979, were more than water short they were serious. The year of 1994 was a disaster. We experienced extensive damage to our crops. In fact, we were forced to move water from one field to the next merely to protect our trees, hops and vines.

I have used the analogy of an employee who works all week and on Friday picks up his paycheck as being different to what we had to do. We worked all week and then went to the bank and pulled money from our savings and used that money just to keep our jobs. Working all year, for no money, or worse at a serious deficit is no fun. It is worse than no fun when you lose your farm.

One might say that the water, in our basin, is over booked, if we were in the airline business. Not only is it over booked, as it is, there are new players coming to the table. To satisfy the current stake-holders now and to make sure there are ample supplies of water, for new interests, we desperately need new storage. Black Rock fits the bill because water to fill the reservoir is taken at a time of high river flows. No one will get hurt by this "taking". In fact, everyone will benefit when that water is released at a time when the rivers are low.

I live by the Prosser Dam. The Bureau folks have told me that they like to run the water over the dam at least at 600 cfm. In serious drought years that level is dropped to 400 cfm or less. Thank God they do that because without that action junior water right districts, like the Roza, would dry up. the Roza Irrigation District may be junior but the crops grown there are of very high value.

The farmers need Black Rock. That is a given but what about the municipalities, tourism, recreation and others? Please help us.

**From:** "Stephen Bohnemeyer" <bohne2005@gmail.com>  
**To:** <storagestudy@pn.usbr.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 26, 2008 10:40 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Dam Project

I am writing to express my feelings about the Black Rock Dam project. It is clear that this project is too expensive, the site is too unstable and there is no economic payback for the taxpayers of Washington. Why do we keep spending badly needed tax dollars to keep flogging this dead issue?

I urge you to stop all further discussion on this project.

Stephen Bohnemeyer

**From:** <DClark5526@aol.com>  
**To:** <storagestudy@pn.usbr.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 26, 2008 6:37 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Black Rock Reservoir Project:

We are very disappointed about the study released on the Black Rock reservoir. We feel a lot of things were not considered in the study that greatly would have effected the outcome. You need to look at the whole picture before deciding the fate of the Black Rock project.

My husband and I, my mom, brother and his wife own 3 homes and 60 acres at the 15-mile marker on Hwy 24. We have lived here for 26 years. We are very much in favor of the Black Rock reservoir being built.

1) We would much rather pay for water coming from the Black Rock reservoir than have to pay the ridiculously high Pacific Power bill to irrigate our alfalfa crop. We pay a yearly \$700 user fee whether we use the irrigation water

or not! When we are irrigating, we pay approximately \$1200 monthly. You can hardly raise hay with those charges.

2) The value of our land and the surrounding Moxee area would greatly increase. We live right across from the 5,000-cow, million-gallon lagoon, Devrie

dairy. (We fought hard to keep this out of the area!) This has brought everyone's land value down considerably. The Black Rock project would increase our land value.

3) New construction. The Moxee area has had a boon in new home building. The Black Rock Project would dramatically increase new construction all the way out Hwy 24 to Black Rock. Also, new home sites would probably be created around the reservoir and beautiful homes constructed.

4) Recreation and Fishing. People would not have to travel out of the area to Rimrock, Chelan, O'Sullivan, Roosevelt, etc. to do their fishing and water recreations. We would have fishing in the Yakima area! Along with this comes tourism from the surrounding towns.

5) Jobs. The Black Rock Project would create many jobs for a long time.

6) Tourism. As I stated above, fishing and water recreation would bring a multitude of tourism from around the surrounding areas which would be great for our Yakima Valley area and the wine industry.

Millions of taxpayer money has been spent studying this project for years. Lets get off the fence and "Get it Built". Yakima Valley need a project like

this!!!

Thank You,

Don and Carolyn Clark  
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**From:** <jfgilman@aol.com>  
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**Date:** Tue, Feb 26, 2008 9:57 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Dam

U.S. Bureau of Recamation?? [via email to storage@pn.usbr.gov]  
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Re:? Black Rock Dam

To Whom It May Concern:

As a native of the Yakima Valley and the Columbia Basin and, thus, a direct beneficiary of irrigated agricultural economics, I feel that I have a valuable perspective to share with you regarding the proposed Black Rock Dam.?

While the benefits of?the existing?projects are great, I think that we failed to take into account the true costs of irrigation.? Apart from the huge capital and M&O cost of Black Rock, we need to take into account the further destruction of the native habitat of the area.? Again, my perspective stems from my deep appreciation of what remains of the shrinking shrub-steppe and its vulnerable wildlife and flora.? We don't know what we have and to dedicate another vast stretch of the Yakima Valley to a sterile reservoir at the costs that the Bureau have estimated would be a mistake.

I am not one who proposes any fundamental changes in the basis of the agricultural economy of my native counties.? However, I do propose that we finally allow ourselves to look beyond building more high impact capital projects and, instead, begin to get serious about conservation and truly effective desert irrigation techniques.? We don't need more expensive dams and reservoirs and, Lord, we don't need more water skiing ponds.? We need a sensible approach to preserving the valuable agricultural lands that we have.? Not more, but better application of engineering and technology.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Born Yakima 1952  
Graduated Moses Lake H.S. 1971

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**To:** <storagestudy@pn.usbr.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 26, 2008 7:02 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock comments

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to comment on the proposed Black Rock dam project. No. It is a complete sentence. I am opposed to a plan that is too costly, will not really help fish (this would be the invisible fish, the ones that are not actually there; better to spend some money and figure a way to get the fish around the Grand Coulee Dam), will cause more pollution from radioactive waste at the Hanford Nuc site and finally is sited on earthquake fault. Except for the fish issue any one of the above mentioned problems should have put spending millions for more study on hold, but NOOO, people continue to plunge on with a flawed idea.  
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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**From:** <Patar55800@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** Comment

I assume that the open houses and hearings are limited to?

1. No Action Alternative
2. Black Rock Alternative
3. Wymer Dam and Reservoir Alternative
4. Wymer Dam Plus Yakima River Pump Exchange Alternative

I am wondering if any consideration can be given to Jack Stanford's idea of a direct pipeline from the pool behind Wanapum Dam. Water would be pumped into a tunnel and open canal that would drop the water into the Roza and Sunnyside canals. That plan was in the Yakima Herald Republic on November 20, 2007.

I would hope that Mr Stanford would be available to attend one of the hearings scheduled.

Pat Reynolds  
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**From:** "Wayne Ude" <ude@whidbey.com>  
**To:** <storagestudy@pn.usbr.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 26, 2008 9:00 AM  
**Subject:** Stop playing around with the Black Rock dam silliness

Dear Reclamation staff:

It's time to stop wasting money on the Black Rock dam project. You have the evidence: the project will not be economically worth doing, there's a real threat of underground contamination from Hanford, the geology indicates instability. How much evidence do you need to stop a bad project?

Yours,

Wayne Ude  
Clinton, Washington

**From:** Julie Alaimo <julie.alaimo@metrokc.gov>  
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Sincerely,

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**Date:** Wed, Feb 27, 2008 6:17 PM  
**Subject:** The Black Rock Dam Proposal is Insane!

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Dear Kelso and Mr. Sandison,

I am a retired US Forest Service employee and a NEPA expert.  
The alternatives suggested fail to consider more environmentally and economically reasonable alternatives to new dams that respond to the Purpose & Need.  
BPA has screwed up the Columbia /Snake system enough. Your agency MUST stay out of it unless you want court action.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Artley  
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You should really think about encouraging composting toilets somehow. I'm really not that radical. Just PRACTICAL!!  
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## **Purpose of and Need for Action The Black Rock Project**

The purpose of the Storage Study funded by Congress and the State of Washington is to evaluate plans that would create additional water storage for the Yakima River Basin. The need for the Study is based on the finite existing water supply and limited storage capability of the Yakima River Basin.

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) stated when they started the Storage Study, “the Federal Government will not pay for the complete Black Rock project”. State, local, and private funds will have to help pay for the Black Rock project. With that policy in mind why did the Storage Study only look at the National Economic Development (NED) benefits and draw the conclusion the NED benefits amount to only 16 cents on the dollar. The true benefit package should include both State and Local benefits if the Federal Government requires local participation in the cost?

Was the process used to scare the public by saying the project was not cost effective? The Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies (P&G) present four accounts for the evaluation and display to compare storage alternatives. These accounts are National Economic Development (NED), Regional Economic Development (RED), Environmental Quality (EQ) and Other Social Effects (OSE).

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The EQ evaluated water resources, fish, vegetation, water quality, threatened and endangered species, and land use.

The OSE examines social effects of environmental justice, recreation, and public health.

The RED, EQ, and OSE were buried in the Storage Study and were not mentioned or taken into consideration when the Bureau announced the benefits was only 16 cents on the dollar.

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Why spend the money on a study and not recommend the only alternative that meets the criteria set by Congress???

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### **Yakama Nation**

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### **Energy**

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Also the return on the taxpayer's dollar is less than minimal if the figures that were published in the Tri City Herald are accurate.

Jack Dawson Pasco

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Driggs, ID 83422-5447

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**Date:** Thu, Feb 28, 2008 8:02 PM  
**Subject:** Dams

Hello,

I recommend against the proposed new Black Rock Dam, Wymer Dam, and Wymer Dam pump exchange.

Washington state has a duty to protect and allocate water for the common good. These dams would dry up our rivers, deplete our drinking water aquifers, harm fish and wildlife, and risk our water future. Economically these projects do not make good sense.

I oppose these new dams. Please support sensible water policies for our state.

Thank you.

Craig Miller

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**Date:** Thu, Feb 28, 2008 1:18 AM  
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**From:** "Mark Hamlin" <mrhamlin@sisna.com>  
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**Date:** Fri, Feb 29, 2008 12:42 AM  
**Subject:** Black Rock Dam debacle

To anyone who claims to care what people think and what is really good for our future,

With all due respect, how long do you think it will take to realize that this idea was misguided? Just how sustainable is this kind of development? Are we really looking to a healthy future for life in this region? I don=t think this is a good solution. Holding water will not increase the quantity or help protect the quality. It will create more problems though. If making money is one of the motivations, we should consider who that will benefit and for how long and who will really pay for it. I don=t want to pay for it. If you are considering supporting such a foolish scheme, please reconsider.

Thank you,

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**Date:** Fri, Feb 29, 2008 1:01 PM  
**Subject:** No Black Rock Dam

To: US Bureau of Reclamation  
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Yakima, WA 98901-2058

RE: Stop the Proposed Black Rock Dam Project

I am writing to state my opposition to the Black Rock Dam project. As I understand it, this new dam would be located on the Columbia River just 5 miles above the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, the Hanford Reach wildlife areas, and residents of the Tri-Cities, where I have family. Seepage from the dam could affect the nuclear waste stored on the Hanford and help flush it into the Columbia. And, according to your office and the Washington Dept. of Ecology, the Black Rock Dam would return 16 cents on the dollar spent to build and operate it. This project makes no financial sense and is a hazard to the health of populations downstream.

Please include my comments in public response to this project.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Smith  
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As a physicist, I have great concerns about the radioactive waste in the Hanford area. No proposal should even be considered at all until

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