

ABOUT

We are a coalition of diverse interests—anglers, recreationists, engineers, families, businesses and economists—advocating for fact-based, economically-sensible use of the lower Snake River.

We are a force for truth and a catalyst for change, and we hold local, state and federal government agencies accountable for serving the public interest and protecting the public purse.

We support revitalizing local economies, sustaining natural resources, preventing extinction and enabling recovery of iconic Northwest species, and returning the lower Snake River to its rightful owners...

...the American people.

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Five Means for Breaching
4 Lower Snake River Dams,
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**5 MEANS THAT MAKE
BREACHING FEASIBLE
IN MONTHS,
NOT YEARS**

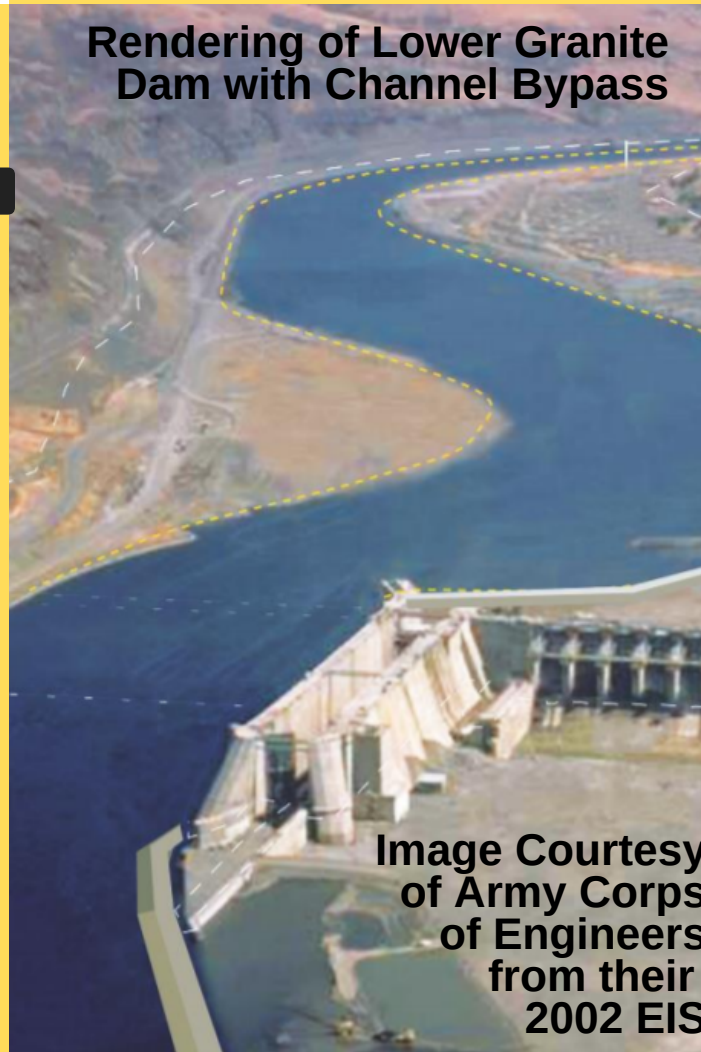
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1 The Corps needs no new authorities to place the 4 LSRD's into a "non-operational" status while normative River flows are reestablished by removing the dams' earthen portions.

2 The Corps already studied dam breaching. It's Alternative 4 in the 2002 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). If updating is necessary, the Corp can do it in 3-4 months.

3 Neither the ongoing litigation over the 2014 Federal Biological Opinion nor the Court's order for a Columbia River Systems Operation review (CRSO/EIS) constrains the Corps from breaching the dams through channel bypass now.

4 **Rendering of Lower Granite Dam with Channel Bypass**



Breaching can be financed through existing debt reduction and credits mechanisms as a fish mitigation action or direct funding by BPA. New appropriations are not necessary.

5 Breaching the 4 LSRD's is far easier than originally planned, making it possible to move from a decision to breach, to breaching in a matter of months, not years.

The CRSO/EIS is approximated at \$100M, the cost of breaching Lower Granite and Little Goose Dams.

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2002 EIS**