



Snake River Salmon & Steelhead Will Not Survive A 5 Year or longer NEPA Process

The Lower Snake River (LSR) *should not* be included in the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) *because* the LSR EIS, published in 2002 and still the operating EIS for the four dams, **includes breaching**. Breaching is the only remaining viable option left of the four studied. In order to save time and tax money, the Federal Agencies should address the Columbia River System in a two tiered process.

Tier one is an emergency response action for the IMMEDIATE (2016) drawdown and breach of Lower Granite dam, followed by the remaining three dams in subsequent years. The 2002 EIS provides more than enough NEPA coverage for this since breaching is the best biological choice.

Tier two is addressing system operations and further mitigation activities in the rest of the Columbia River Basin and assumes that the four lower Snake River dams are breached.

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