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Re: Klamath Hydroelectric Removal Project

The KRRC spoke to the residents of Copco on June 12 after the threat of removing the dams has left that upscale community in financial ruin. This community located on the beautiful lake by the dam is experiencing a tremendous loss of property value where dam removal would leave them overlooking a 100 foot muddy hole. Realtors will not even list their properties with this outlook for the future.

I would like to start this by stating that the KRRC is hell bent on removing our dams to save Coho Salmon in the Klamath River. In early September 1999, federal district Judge Michael Hogan threw out the coho's status as threatened under the Endangered Species Act as they were determined genetically to be from the Cascadia hatchery in Oregon and not an indigenous species of the Klamath or Rogue River Basin and all listings were cancelled in Southern Oregon and all California waters. We have documentation from both the Karuk and the Shasta Tribe stating that Coho were never native and why should they try to bring them back.

Not only are they in violation of the Endangered Species Act but consider that residents of Jackson County, OR, Klamath County OR and Siskiyou County, CA have voted to retain these hydroelectric facilities and their Commissioners and Supervisors have made their position known to FERC and the Department of the Interior as any attempt to remove these dams is a direct violation of the Constitution of the United States wherein the people determine such actions.

It is also of fact that this proposal is in violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act, 1902 Federal Reclamation Act, the Dormant Commerce Clause of the Constitution, the 1981 Federal National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Klamath Basin Compact, Southern Oregon Irrigation Rights, Power costs of two to three times higher for citizens and businesses, Siskiyou Counties water rights, Shasta Indian burial rights, veterans of the Civil War cemetery rights, possible loss of life and property to all adjoining the Klamath River as Iron Gate Dam was built to protect all and at the present time the dams supply fire helicopters access to water supply to fight forest fires. Removal of these dams would force said fire helicopters to much longer time delays to fill their buckets and thereby expose all to longer wait times and possibility of lost

lives and property. According to the removal it has been estimated that all fish and local animals that depend on the river will be decimated for ten years or more.

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