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Mr. Jim Waddell, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Waddell:

Thank you for your letter dated September 13, 2013, cosigned by Ms. Jane Mergler and Dr. Linwood Laughy regarding navigation on the Lower Snake River. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Lower Snake River dams (Ice Harbor, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and Lower Granite) are authorized by Congress as multiple purpose projects. Although they were originally authorized for inland navigation and hydropower generation, additional project purposes now include recreation, irrigation, and fish and wildlife. The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) requests funding for operation and maintenance activities at existing projects based on careful analysis, including a review of indicators of continued economic justification and the consideration of trade-offs and benefits related to all project purposes. The Army Civil Works program applies this information when recommending Federal expenditures for operation and maintenance.

I appreciate the information you provided, and will pass it along to the Walla Walla District, as well as the Northwestern Division for their consideration. In addition, your names have been placed on the district's list of interested parties that will receive notifications about Corps' planning activities and opportunities for public involvement related to these projects. An identical letter is being sent to Ms. Mergler and Dr. Laughy.

Thank you for your interest in the Army Civil Works program.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jo-Ellen Darcy", is written over a horizontal line.

Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)