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First: As Newton's Third Law (not theory) states, "For EVERY action, there is an equal, and opposite, reaction". EVERY phase of this project, for the life of the project, will carry negative consequences. "Mitigating measures" will only slightly lessen, not eliminate, these consequences. That is basic science.

Second: The DEIS not only fails to properly address conservation, it blatantly dismisses the need for conservation and conservation education with the observation that Idaho Power already supports conservation. The entire US power industry "supports" conservation with an absolute minimum of lip service. Idaho Power, like all other utility companies, is dedicated to generating revenue, period. In their view, actually promoting reduced consumption would be counterproductive. To dismiss conservation is to dismiss any pretense of an objective consideration of environmental factors. Conservation is a foundational cornerstone of any environmental policy. It should be one of the first, and key, considerations. Dismissing it out of hand shows only contempt for environmental considerations, and makes the DEIS a joke.

Third: As noted in numerous studies, including the 6th Northwest Power Overview, a true need for this project has yet to be satisfactorily demonstrated, and the technology will be essentially obsolete by the time the project is completed. In other words, this is a giant boondoggle, benefitting only Idaho Power stockholders. As such, it will be an environmental disaster.