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To the Editor:

It is unfortunate, but not surprising that Judi Danielson of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) has recently come under attack for stating her strong opposition to removal of the Lower Snake River dams. She consistently demonstrates the very attributes needed in a true leader: integrity and courage. She is not afraid to take on the tough issues, ask the tough questions or take a public stance on an issue she feels strongly about. She knows that dam removal will not recover listed salmon and steelhead and will have a huge adverse impact on Idaho's economy and is not afraid to say so.

As Idaho's representative she has been a staunch defender of the state's interests. Her work on the Snake River Basin Agreement helped secure a reasonable compromise for use of Idaho water for salmon and steelhead, tribal and irrigation interests. She has worked tirelessly for Idaho in the federal court process to balance the needs of salmon and the federal hydropower system. In the Council's recent work on its fish and wildlife program she advocated for scientifically sound, financially prudent and accountable expenditures.

The letters you have received demonstrate her effectiveness. They are written by those who don't agree with her positions and find it easier to attack her than engage in honest debate of the facts. The reality is Judi Danielson has been a strong, effective advocate for Idaho as a member of the Northwest Power Planning Council on both fish and wildlife and energy issues and should be re-appointed.

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