

To the Editor  
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Last Sunday's article on the Snake River dams was based on a false premise: that support for the federal dams is deteriorating. Based on a March 2007 public opinion poll, recognition of the multiple benefits and lifestyle afforded by the federal hydrosystem and lower Snake River dams is rock solid.

Of 600 registered voters in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, 86% view hydroelectricity as a renewable resource akin to solar and wind. Fifty-eight percent view it as the most practical resource for the Northwest, recognizing that when the wind doesn't blow, hydro provides a clean, reliable backup. Seventy-five percent recognize that hydro doesn't contribute to global warming. A strong majority of those polled oppose removing the dams -- 68% -- which is unchanged from a 2005 poll.

In an election, such a result would be a "landslide." Your article's focus on such a narrow viewpoint, while ignoring the majority, is misleading to your readers.

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