Earth and Water Unit Class Discussion – Day 2 Debate

A case study devised by Alan Paul Price at the University of Wisconsin: “The River Dammed: The Proposed Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams”.

Before class on May 24

We will assign each group one or more stakeholder positions during class on May 19. You will work as stakeholder groups to explain positions with supporting facts. Please use the references in the attached handout to research your stakeholder’s position. Write up a page of notes and bring it with you as your group will be asked to answer the following questions:

1) What changes (if any) to the dams or their management should be made and why? Find your stakeholder’s position and then think about it for yourself. You may decide that more than one option is viable.

2) Does it appear your stakeholder collected data and then took a position, or did they adopt a position and then look for supporting data? Have they accounted for any conflicting data?

3) Would the opinion of your stakeholder be changed by looking at a shorter (or longer) term view? Why?

During class on May 24

(10 minutes) We will work in groups at the beginning of next class refining positions

(40 minutes) As a class we will have presentations, rebuttals, analysis, and a vote.