

# OREGON WHEAT

*Oregon Wheat Growers League strongly opposes any proposal to breach the four Lower Snake River dams. The Columbia-Snake River System provides the most environmentally friendly and safest mode of transportation for getting wheat to market. We support solutions that recognize the importance of the river system and substantially contribute to the improvement of fish runs, along with the long-term viability of our agricultural economy.*

In 2019, it would have taken **39,204 rail cars** or **150,784 semi-trucks** to move the cargo that was barged on the Snake River.



The river system reduces traffic congestion and pollution.



Barging plays a key role in this transportation system and moved over 4 million tons of wheat to Lower Columbia River ports last year.



Each year, nearly 10% of all U.S. wheat exports move by barge just on the Snake River, transporting over 50% of all U.S. wheat to markets overseas.



More than 95% of juvenile fish pass through each of the eight federal dams.

## facts!

*If barging on the Snake River is removed as a transportation option,*



Transportation and storage expense are likely to increase 50% to 100% for grain suppliers and shippers.



These costs could increase by up to \$0.80 per bushel.