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**Traditional dugout canoe appears on Capitol Steps
bearing message for Warren Buffett: Tear down Klamath dams**
Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary's bad business decisions decimate
communities dependent on Klamath River salmon

SACRAMENTO (April 27, 2007) – Klamath Basin Tribal leaders and their allies today drove a traditional dugout canoe onto the State Capitol steps, on their way to Omaha for a Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting to tell Warren Buffett: “Tear down Klamath dams.”

The cross country caravan, towing two hand-crafted 20-foot long redwood canoes, is driven by Klamath stakeholders representing a growing chorus of California fishermen, Native American tribes, public health officials, and state and federal agencies calling for the largest dam removal project in U.S. history.

“The Governors of Oregon and California support dam removal, the Pacific Coast fishing industry supports dam removal, the Klamath tribes that depend on the river support dam removal, environmental organizations support removal, even PacifiCorp ratepayers support dam removal,” says Peter Ferenbach, executive director of Friends of the River. “Only PacifiCorp chooses to play the role of obstructionist.”

PacifiCorp was acquired last year by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

The utility's dams are destroying what had been one of the great salmon rivers of the world, and the loss of salmon is decimating the fishing industry, tribal cultures, and all the communities dependent on them. The salmon fishing industry was effectively shut down last year because of the damage done by these dams.

“Our communities, our jobs, and our families are being devastated by PacifiCorp's dams,” said Mike Hudson, president of the Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association, who was busy preparing his boat for the start of another restricted salmon fishing season. “We're confident that a man with Warren Buffett's reputation won't stand by idly when he finds out what is happening.”

The caravan, towing hand-crafted, 20-foot long redwood dugout canoes, was launched yesterday from Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. There, commercial salmon fishermen, whose livelihoods have been crippled by the dams, joined them. The caravan will stop at PacifiCorp headquarters in Salt Lake City, before reaching Omaha, Nebraska, home of Berkshire Hathaway. The traditional tribal canoes, normally used for fishing, will be used instead to get across the message that there are no fish left to catch.

They will arrive in Omaha at the same time CEO Warren Buffett meets with shareholders, May 4-5, at the company's annual “Woodstock of Capitalism.” Just in time to tell him that all this is bad business because removing the dams actually is the utility's cheapest option.

PacifiCorp's intransigence on these four dams (which generate less than 2 percent of the company's electricity) has prompted these diverse stakeholders to take their case directly to Berkshire Hathaway.

“Judging by what we have learned about Mr. Buffett,” says Bob McConnell, a traditional Yurok fisherman, “he just might be the person we need to look to for the solution.” ###