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Voice of the people

Skagit River flood control

To The Editor:

The Army engineers have a big expensive flood control plan for Skagit County, but only for part of the county.

If you are unfortunate and live east of the pipe line in Sedro-Woolley, you get none of this.

We are secondary citizens. We do not have the same rights or protection as others in Skagit County. It is like living on the wrong side of the tracks. We cannot have protection for our farms and our homes, because Washington, D.C. has decided it wouldn't be scenic. Is it scenic to watch a flood destroy our homes and farms? How scenic are cattle drowning? Do you think it would be scenic if it was your farm being destroyed?

There is one place in Skagit County where we are still equal, that is paying taxes, on land we can't protect.

Because we live above the pipe line in Sedro-Woolley on a Scenic river does that make us second class citizens in Skagit County?

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