From: Pola Kelley

To: <u>NWS-Skagit-River-GI</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sedro-Woolley concerns for GIS on Skagit River

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To Hannah Hadley

Dear. Ms. Hadley:

In a former position I was an Allstate Insurance Agent, I know how much difference the diking near Mount Vernon and Burlington has as an impact to other areas of the Skagit River Watershed. Sedro-Woolley prides itself on having built primarily above the flood plain and residents and business owners know the value to their properties being in zones outside the 100 year flood plain. It does not take a genius or an engineer to know that if you push the water higher it will back up. Children can play with this concept at the Children's museum. We find the plan to protect Mount Vernon and Burlington at the expense of the rest of the county to be irresponsible and can not support such a decision.

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