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To: [NWS-Skagit-River-GI](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Attention Hannah Hadley
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Hi, My name is David Top. I live at [REDACTED] River Rd. Sedro Woolley, Wa. 98284. As you can see I live right next to the Skagit river. My parents own a dairy farm about a mile east. and I grew up on that farm. We have lived through many floods over the years. We understand to what level the water comes up. Our houses and buildings are built with that in mind. If the water level comes up higher that it does now, our houses and buildings will be very impacted. If studies informing me that the flood level will rise because new dikes are made are available, I could be informed. But as my city government is informing me, those studies have not been done. So I urge you to inform me what will happen to my property, before any changes are made.

I would like the Skagit river dug out. I see one of the criteria for the work to be done, is " the least environmental impact" I find that unacceptable. I would like to take control of the river and direct it how we want it to run, as well as dig it out so it can flow water as efficiently as possible. To not do that is to say to People, "you are not as important as fish". It is very upsetting to us to see this. Fish have no soul and Humans do. Putting People at risk for flooding is a wicked thing to do. We should do what ever we can to keep the water in the river, and not flooding tax payers land.

My flood insurance policy is going crazy. My brother is a flood insurance agent and has informed me that my policy will likely be close to \$2000 a year soon. I can't afford you to raise my flooding risk any more with higher dikes in other areas, but not in mine.

Thank you for including this in your report on this issue. And thank you for your service to our country!

sincerely
David Top