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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Oppose!
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I strongly oppose this plan because it is unjust in its effects on the residents of Sedro-Woolley. I bought my home on Fidalgo Place in Sedro Woolley in late 2010, knowing that I would be far enough from the river to not be required to pay flood insurance or to ever have to worry about my home being ravaged by flood waters. Now I've been made aware of a half-baked plan that would change my situation drastically, along with many other residents that call this lovely town home.

I'm not okay with this plan...it is as if Sedro-Woolley was not so much as an after thought in the development of this "idea". If you back the water up-river by increasing the levy height in Burlington and Mt. Vernon, then you'd better be planning to do it all the way up past Marblemount. Who is going to be the community to suffer here? I will not stand by quietly while this plan is pushed through, resulting in higher insurance costs, more risk of many losing their homes and a complete change in the seasonal landscape in my own home town.

In closing, I'd like to give you my solution. Start dredging the river again and maybe even remove some useless dams and problem solved. More fish and less flooding. Look into it...the science backs it up.

Sincerely,

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