

Skagit River General Investigation Study Comment

I would like to take this moment to state that I protest the facts that my local government was no longer invited to the meetings discussions about flood reduction alternatives including the process for identifying the Tentatively Selected Plan. They are my voted representatives and have the right to speak for the people of Sedro-Woolley.

When I purchased my home some 20+ years ago I was aware and concerned about the flood zones and did not want to have to pay for flood insurance. Since the time I have purchased my property, I have watched Burlington and Mount Vernon grow expanding their cities in the flood zone knowing the fact that it was in the flood zone allowing business and resident to build in these zones. These businesses knew they were building in the flood zone and was willing and accepted those risks.

These cities have been reaping the benefits of the sales taxes and property taxes that have been generated for the cities for years. It is these cities that should continue to pay for the risks that they have created not the city of Sedro-Woolley and its citizens.

Creating this new flood zone will greatly impact our community in a negative way. My property value will drop affecting my resale value at a time in which I am closer to retirement and the fact that my home will be in the new flood zone will effect myself financially by requiring me to now have to purchase flood insurance, an add expense that is not in our budget as well as many other residents that will be affected.

With property values dropping creating a hardship to a City in which mostly operates from the property taxes is unacceptable. The City in fact will need increase taxes to expand their emergency services to include flood protection. This potential tax increase would again create additional hardship on my family and the community as a whole.

You need to revisit the plan and work with our elected officials.

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Public Review of Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement

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Is there anything additional that should be addressed or considered during this study? Please be specific.

Do you reside within the Skagit River Basin? Yes No

Would you like to be added to the Skagit River General Investigation Study mailing list? Yes No

If yes, provide us with your contact information so we can add you to the project mailing list (please print):

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For more information or to submit other comments, please contact Hannah Hadley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Skagit.River@usace.army.mil or at (206) 764-6950. Comments must be received no later than July 21, 2014. Thank you!

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