December 14, 1982

Forest Supervisor
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
1002 First Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Wild and Scenic Rivers
Management Plan

Dear Sir:

The Skagit River Flood Control Committee appointed by the Board of Skagit County
Commissioners to study and make recommendations for flood protection of the
Skagit Valley appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Wild and Scenic
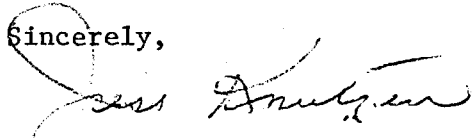Rivers Management Plan.

The Committee has made certain flood control recommendations which would involve
that portion of the Skagit River within the Wild and Scenic Rivers Classified
Section. The Committee recognizes the complicated nature of providing flood control
on a river such as the Skagit and feels that several methods of flood control are
necessary.

It appears the Management Plan will severely restrict past flood control measures
such as rock rip-rap bank protection, levee maintenance and construction, and
removal of log jams and other debris from the channel and will prohibit all dam
construction within the classified areas. The Committee feels much of this type of
flood control work is necessary to protect those properties within the authority of
the Act as well as the delta outside the jurisdiction of the Wild and Scenic Act.

Floodplain management appears to be the only flood control measure acceptable to
the Management Plan. In view of the present status of the Skagit River Valley,
floodplain management would appear to be a rather idealistic approach at this time.

As a large part of the flood damage will occur to property outside the authority of
the Act, with much of the cause due to the conditions coming from within the
classified section of the river, this Committee would sincerely hope that the Forest
Service, in its management of the classified section of the Skagit River, would
use its authority to cooperate with the efforts of Skagit County to provide adequate
flood protection for the entire Skagit River Valley.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jess Knutzen, Chairman
Skagit River Flood Control Committee