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Skagit River Threatening Utopia Farms

Farmers Ask Aid to Stem Erosion; Wolfe Farm Loses Land

With the Skagit river threaten-
ing to break through into the low
lands near Minkler Lake, East of
Cro-Woolley, Utopia district
farmers this week were signing a
petition to be presented members
of the Skagit Conservation district
meeting, July 29, at Mt. Vernon.

Five acres owned by Chris Wolfe
have been washed away, taking
with it Wolfe's barn, chicken house
and woodshed. The river threat-
ened his home, which was emptied
of all household goods and moved
to higher ground. Wolfe is now
living with his daughter on the
highmaster road.

The petition asks the soil con-
servation district to assist land-
owners in the Utopia area with
their erosion problems, by assign-
ing surveyors to the area. It also
asks that the district make every
effort to interest county, state and
federal agencies in charge of ero-
sion and flood control work.

When the river was recently at
its high level a few weeks ago
after heavy rains, it was threaten-
ing the land of several other families
in the Utopia area.

Tonight's meeting is scheduled
for 8 p.m. in the Union building
at Mt. Vernon.