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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

The Napeequa River resource and environment is way too valuable to be controlled by unelected Washington bureacrats and environmental elitists. The Department Of Ecology needs to stay away from the Napeequa River. The Napeequa River is "outstanding Resource Waters" without another layer of unelected bureacrats and environmental industry elitists protection policies. The Wilderness Act protects the Napeequa River. Adding additional state policy has all the opportunity to have the government screw it up! Where are all of you bureacrats and elitists when the Forest Service burned out the White River and Little Wenatchee last year? August 10, 2022 through October 31, 2022. None of you showed up to stop them from burning the streamsidess! Those burn activities have extensive effect on water quality for White River and Lake Wenatchee. Not a word from any of you about the water quality damage. Where are you "ecology"? Imposing your highest level of protection for White River and Lake Wenatchee by protecting the Napeequa? The Forest Service is burning out habitat in the Indian Creek, Airplane Lake tributaries of White River. Fire start July 7, 2023 and still burning today, over 6000 acres. The "let it burn" mentality defeats the Wilderness designation to protect public lands and resources. Allowing wild-fires to burn emitting tons of carbon, degradation of watersheds and destroying wildlife habitat. I believe your claims to protect water quality in White River and Wenatchee are phoney.

LEAVE THE NAPEEQUA RIVER ALONE!

In the smoke,
Bill Burgess,
Forest Scientist

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