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I would like answers to these questions. I do not trust that this government will do what is best for the people of Washington that will preserve their individual rights as mandated by article 1, section 1 of the state constitution. These waters and the land belong to the people of the state - not the government. Those who control the water will control the people.

1. Why does the DOE not have a GIS map for our consideration versus a pdf file?
2. How accurate can the DOE map be, especially at the scale provided to the public?
3. How can the DOE state they have done "extensive research" on these designations when they don't have an adequate map, don't know the number of acres within the designated boundary, and don't know the number of miles of tributaries?
4. Have private landowners within the designated boundary been contacted?
5. With the "research" done, what is the baseline for evaluation?
6. Why does the DOE want an added layer of protection?
7. What specific activities would be exempt from environmental review or existing regulations that could potentially impact the water quality?
8. Can a natural disaster affect how the DOE will interpret the antidegradation policy?
9. Can this Antidegradation Policy change?
10. What is the problem this designation is fixing?
11. Is there research and data indicating a fix needs to occur?
12. Can you measure the fix you are attempting to provide if there is one?
13. Has the DOE considered the future potential need for energy efficient resources potentially present?
14. Has the DOE considered that there may be future threatened habitat that might require a strategy that this would prohibit?
15. What is the definition of "relatively pristine"? As state in WAC 173-220A
16. How many rivers and associated tributaries would the DOE consider to be "unique" What constitutes "unique" as stated in WAC 173-220A?
17. How would this designation potentially affect downstream waters? Would this allow the DOE

to make policy and/or decisions on downstream waters?

18. Can the DOE tell us what rivers would not be considered, giving examples, based on the current WAC 173-220A criteria?

19. Does the DOE know the impacts of future recreational uses?

20. Has the DOE considered the costs of maintenance, parking, and toilet facilities as recreational uses increase? Who would be responsible for these costs? Is the DOE aware of what the DNR is going through due to increases in recreational uses? Are they willing to do the same to offset any impacts from their decision to designate the Cascade as a Tier III water for its recreational uses?

21. Does the DOE understand the research that goes into a Forest Practice Application? Can they explain it?

22. How does fire management, including roads, get built without additional regulatory layering?

23. Who is responsible for overseeing this designation when permitting any activity?

24. Why does the current Wild and Scenic designation not provide enough protection?