

## Ann Skinner

I support designating the Upper Cascade as an Outstanding Resource Water for a variety of reasons. The Cascade is a major tributary of the Skagit River important for salmon, Harlequin Ducks, and other wildlife. The Cascade's upper watershed proposed for ORW designation is entirely in national public ownership, so ORW designation will not impact private landowners or their land use concerns. In a time when so many of our natural resources are being negatively impacted by climate change, pollution, over-use and degradation, this designation is a very small step in the right direction to protect a pristine resource before it is spoiled like so many other watersheds in the area.

Thank you  
Sincerely  
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