

## Ellen Bynum

The proposed designation of the Cascade River in Skagit County contains contradictory and inaccurate information about the proposed uses of the area being designated. The maps provided do not show the county zoning designations or any of the private property affected by the proposed designation. While the description of the designation seems to imply the area is a reserve and will have no development, specially hydro-power plants, the photos and other description seems to promote recreational uses in the area. The proposal fails to provide a convincing argument as to why the Wild & Scenic River designation is inadequate. Lastly, the proposal has been virtually unknown by the Skagit public as the public outreach was minimal. Please do not designate any of the proposed OWRs until the program is clarified and a full assessment of the economic and environmental impacts to the areas are completed.