

## State Senator

As the elected Senator for this area, I am opposed to ANY further restrictions on our communities ability to enjoy and utilize the natural resources in our own backyards. I made this clear when the petitioners first brought this idea forward. Skagit County has lost multiple economic opportunities due to the environmental overreach of activists and our state agencies (not just DOE). There is no compelling reason for this designation; the Cascade is already a pristine river and has remained so under its current designation. Outsiders pushing their agenda and misdirected values on the population that lives here is never appreciated. I urge the DOE to leave the Cascade alone. DOE's course of action WILL influence my decision making as a legislator and member of the Ag and Natural Resources Committee.