

# Teresa Dix

Maria Koberstein,

I am writing about the proposal to make Cascade River an Outstanding Water Source. This river is so beautiful and wild, it is a perfect source of quality water and should be protected from any degradation. As a birder I see that it is the best place to protect wild birds such as the harlequin ducks, this river is good breeding area for these birds. Life runs on water, not on oil, or greed, or drilling, or development. We need now more than ever to protect water and water sources.

I volunteered for 13 years as a Stream Team Volunteer for Skagit Conservation and saw first hand the

degradation of streams downstream after water moves through farmland, development etc....it's not a pretty sight and none of this water was even close to being healthy water. It costs so much more to restore areas as it does to protect them outright.

Please protect The Cascade River as an Outstanding Quality water source.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

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