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Dear Department Of Ecology,

My name is Jim Hunsaker. I have lived on lake Sawyer since 1980.

I am thrilled that someone is finally taking a closer look at what is happening in the Soos Creek Watershed. Specifically the low levels during the late Summer months in Lake Sawyer.

The low water Level has become common place these last 10 years. How can this not have a substantial

impact on the lake, wet lands, and creek in the Soos Creek Watershed. When water isn't flowing through the system silt collects around the shores of the lake as well as it's outlets. Just visit

the NW portion of the lake and it's outlet area right now. You will find dead aquatic life

everywhere and many portions of the lake shore are exposed. When the rains come this Winter, the exposed silt and muck will be dispersing into the lake and through the system. Before these past 10

years, water levels never reseeded so quickly. To my understanding the City of Covington is

pumping water out of Lake Sawyer. A plan must be put into place that mitigates their impact on the Watershed to sustain a healthy environment for our wildlife, aquatic life, and the surrounding population.

Thank You for your consideration, Jim Hunsaker