

Darlene Johnson

Okay, Darlene Johnson, and I live in Woodland, Washington, which is about eight miles south of Kalama. I'm a grandmother. I have eight grandkids and another seven, if you count the grandkids of our exchange students. I entirely support this project. When I listen to some of the testimony, I'm wondering if anyone believes what our state agencies are saying. They say that this actually reduces pollution. They do not say that it increases it. Why wouldn't everybody be in favor of reducing pollution?

Also, I hear a lot of people talk about that climate change has caused forest fires. Well, I live in an area where we've had a lot of logging and what really causes forest fires is unmanaged timber, and we need to get back to managing the timber. So, I don't think they can use that as a reason for not allowing this development.

Inaction is really an action. The longer we keep having inaction on supporting this, the longer we go with increasing pollution. I just wholly hope that you approve this project, and especially approve it for my grandkids, all of whom live in Washington. Not too many in Woodland, Washington or Kalama because there aren't as many job opportunities here. They live in Seattle or Gig Harbor. So, I'm just hopeful that this gets approved. I'm also on the board of directors-