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The SSEIS clearly states that NWIW will provide no mitigation outside of Washington state. What about the 1400 miles of pipeline that will be constructed? The map on page 41 shows pipeline routes that would supply fracked gas to Kalama: 600 miles from British Columbia and 800 miles from Wyoming. How will pipeline construction impact land, water, agriculture, homes, and communities? Without any provision for mitigation, isn't this a giveaway of North American lands to a Chinese company?

With great humility, it is important to recognize that this entire project -- stretching across the northwestern U.S. and into Canada -- is on tribal lands. How will tribal communities be impacted? Have the tribes been consulted? Indigenous peoples have protected land and water for generations. Tribal "water protectors" continue to wage protests against usurpation of their tribal lands.

If the Dept. of Ecology approves this project, I fear that Ecology will be complicit in unmitigated and controversial construction outside its purview. If there are lawsuits, will the Dept. of Ecology have to expend scarce resources going to court?

For reasons of ethics, fairness, and land protections, the Dept. of Ecology should deny this project.