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The Chehalis headwaters in the Willapa Hills has been devastated by industrial logging, mostly on private timberlands. The WA Department of Natural Resources continues to log the last remaining older forests on State-owned lands in the watershed.

Older forests store huge quantities of water. Clearcuts cause big increases in runoff for 8-10 years after cutting. If we had older forests over 1/3 of the upper watershed, would a mega dam still be needed?

Will reforestation and mitigation to prevent landslides in the upper basin be undertaken?

If a mega dam is built, what steps will be taken to prevent the huge number of landslides that occurred in the upper basin during the 2007 flood?