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I am writing in opposition to the proposed FRE facility. The presented evidence in the draft EIS makes it clear that the proposed dam/flood retention facility would have severe adverse impacts on salmon, water quality, and wildlife. Building a dam in this location would have limited impacts as a flood mitigation measure and would result in irreparable harm to natural and cultural resources. The DEIS also acknowledges that "there is uncertainty around whether mitigation is technically feasible or economically practicable."

-The documentation does not fully address where the water needed to construct the dam would be sourced.

-The documentation does not seem to have completed studies for impacts to Traditional Cultural Places.

- It is concerning that the facility is designed to be expandable. The long-term intent of the "flood retention expandable" facility is not clear. As the current dam already has severe and unavoidable impacts, further information about potential expansions of this facility should be made available for review. Expansion would exacerbate impacts and is not fully addressed in this DEIS report.

-The flood retention facility does not make economic sense. It has very limited effectiveness as a flood mitigation measure. Washington state has spent millions of dollars to remedy fish passage barriers across the state. Installing a facility that would reduce fish passage and decimate salmon populations undermines this work.