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Analysis in Washington Department of Ecology's revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) shows the expanded "mega-dam" would offer limited flood protection while causing significant harm decimating salmon runs and devastating a river valley with huge potential for habitat restoration. Despite costing at least \$1.3–\$1.6 billion—and likely far more, with no clear funding plan or lifecycle cost analysis—the proposal leaves major engineering, environmental, and feasibility questions unanswered. Many experts and community members argue the dam should be abandoned in favor of proven, lower-impact flood solutions that better protect people, ecosystems, and salmon, including watershed restoration that is adding resilience for both people and salmon. Experts believe this type of continued restoration would help bring Chinook salmon back from the brink of extinction in the watershed.