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I live in Lewis County and have a business in Chehalis. I personally experienced 8 ft of water in my business next to I-5 and saw the Boistfort and Adna valleys filled from north to south with 7 feet of water. The county road looked like a ribbon meandering all over the road bed and into the fields. It looked like a mine field, with holes 3ft wide, logs, stumps, and cars scattered along the road. The debris from the headwaters of the Chehalis took out 8 bridges from PeEll to Boistfort... How much do you think that cost? The flood waters scoured the river banks and flushed everything down stream.. I doubt if there were any salmon smolt left after that. We need a retention system to combat these oceanic river systems that we are now dealing with. 18 in rain in 2 days in 2007.