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Dams are not the answer in Western WA. Widespread flooding just last month show us that we need comprehensive water solutions for local communities - not antiquated tools with exorbitant costs that destroy human and natural systems. Comprehensive floodplain mitigation is a much more sane response to the threats before us than destroying a major waterway in the region - and work better. Why would we waste public money on a boondoggle from a prior century? Besides these practical considerations, Washingtonians value and respect salmon, wildlife and tribal treaty rights and the imperative role they each play in this place. We need to account for these first and foremost if we are to have any real hope of a long term solution that keeps local communities, cultures, and natural systems intact.