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This proposal won't meaningfully reduce severe flooding over time, but it would permanently damage critical ecosystems. The DEIS itself shows that the consequences would be severe and far-reaching. The Chehalis River is home to salmon, steelhead, lamprey, elk, birds, beavers, otters, and countless interconnected species that would all be threatened by this project. Beyond ecology, this river holds profound cultural and spiritual value that would be compromised by dam construction. Our region needs flood strategies that actually work, not an expensive project that sacrifices wildlife and misuses taxpayer money. Reconnecting floodplains, improving community infrastructure, and planning for climate resilience offer safer, more effective, and science-supported solutions.