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I am writing to formally oppose the proposed Flood Retention Expandable (FRE) dam.

As a Civil Engineer, I view this infrastructure proposal with significant skepticism. The cost estimate range of \$1.3 to \$2.3 billion indicates a lack of precision, and the failure to account for long-term operations, maintenance, and lifecycle costs is fiscally irresponsible. Proceeding with construction on a site characterized by fractured bedrock and landslide risks presents unacceptable geotechnical challenges.

Additionally, as an angler and boater, I value the health of our regional waterways. The DEIS acknowledges "significant and unavoidable" impacts to water quality and salmon runs. These environmental costs outweigh the projected benefits, particularly when the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative offers a viable path forward without permanently altering the river ecosystem.

I urge you to reject the FRE dam proposal.

Sincerely,

Steven Rice