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Flooding in the Chehalis River Basin has been studied for decades. The one thing that I haven't seen addressed is the problem of the gorge between Boistfort and Adna. The floods of 1990, 1996, and 2007 were made worse when the water from the main fork merged with the south fork was too much for the gorge to handle. People saw logs go down the south fork and then come back up stream. In 2007 we saw a 3 ft. wall of water come across my farm causing 7 ft. of water in my house and 9 ft. in my barn resulting in the death of 120 dairy animals. This does not take into account the wildlife and fish that were destroyed. The flow thru dam would be a benefit to the Boistfort valley but the flow needs to be monitored at PeEll not Grand Mound. The rainfall on the Willapa hills also needs to be monitored. I am therefore in support of the proposed flow through water retention facility.