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As a hiker, backpacker and camper in the Chehalis River area, I am extremely concerned about the Chehalis Mega-Dam project. It is a financial disaster-- \$1.3-\$2.3 billion-- with no clear funding plan or long term maintenance plan. The proposed Dam site also presents unresolved geotechnical challenges. But much, much worse, this Mega-Dam is an environmental disaster! The DEIS mentions "significant and unavoidable" impacts to salmon runs and water quality. The Dam not only threatens salmon, it also ignores treaty-protected Tribal Rights. Finally, Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative would avoid the exorbitant costs and ecological problems and provide reliable water protection throughout the basin.