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- A dam won't stop major flooding long- term, but it will destroy irreplaceable habitat. The DEIS clearly lays out the reality that this dam will have catastrophic impacts. • The Chehalis supports salmon, elk, birds, steelhead, lamprey, beavers, otters, entire food webs... all at risk. • This river carries cultural, ecological, and spiritual importance that a dam would violate. • Our community deserves real flood solutions, not a project that harms wildlife and wastes public dollars. • Restoring floodplains, strengthening local infrastructure, and investing in resilience are smarter, safer, science-backed options.

Thank you.