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How are we proposing new dams in Washington state in 2026...????

First of all, there is largely studied and documented degradation of habitat and wildlife and other ecological issues that have happened because of dams (Snake river? The Columbia?) and we are in an era of removing dams... not creating new ones.

Additionally, While this may be hard to hear, flood planes are a natural part of Washington's land and have always happened before humans decided they wanted to put houses on them. There are so many other ways to mitigate these issues. Dams can also create new artificial floodplains in other ways in different areas.

And yes, environmental crises are going to be more numerous... but We should probably be ultimately focusing on ways to mitigate these roots of the much bigger problem of climate change. No more immediate damage to salmon and other fish's delicate life cycles should be allowed to happen. We are seeing in real time what happens when our fish slowly die out. It's the tip of the iceberg. Let's not expedite our problems.