



## Share Your Concerns About Alpine Lakes Wilderness and Icicle Creek Proposal



Enchantments

Photo: Mike Fields

By Alex Craven

On May 31, Chelan County and the State Department of Ecology announced the release of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the Icicle Creek Watershed Water Resources Management Strategy. The release initiates a 60-day public comment period, with a comment deadline of July 30.

The DPEIS being reviewed presents several alternatives, all of which seek to construct dams and related structures on seven lakes within the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Sierra Club is concerned because these proposals include impacts to the wilderness area lakes and endangered species.

The lakes in question are located in the Enchantments Basin and the greater Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The Alpine Lakes – particularly the Enchantments Basin, known for its competitive permit lottery - is one of the nation’s more popular wilderness destinations and attracts people from around the world. With 615 miles of trail (including a section of the Pacific Crest Trail), world-class climbing, hiking and backpacking, and 400,000 acres of spectacular mountain scenery and lakes, the

area is beloved by recreationists and is an important contributor to the regional recreation economy.

Sierra Club was part of a coalition of groups that worked hard to get the Alpine Lakes Wilderness protected in 1976. The Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club will be submitting comments to continue to advocate for those protections. To learn more, contact the National Forest Committee and see

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### People for Climate Action: Working Together to Save Our Planet

By David Schwartz

The impact of greenhouse gases (GHGs) on climate change is increasingly well known. Cities across the globe are responsible for over 70 percent of these GHGs. In 2014 King County and thirteen cities in the County signed a letter of commitment for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C). This includes goals for reducing GHGs relative to 2007 levels by 25, 50 and 80 percent by 2020, 2030

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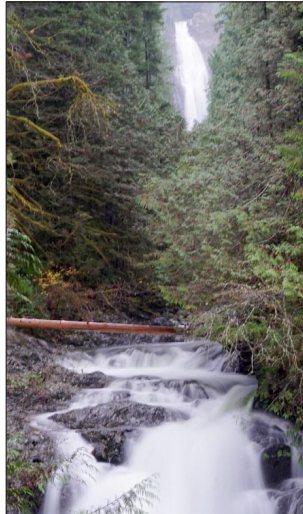
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## Sierra Club State Forest Committee Offers Comments to Expand and Protect Wallace Falls State Park

By Mike Town



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Wallace Falls State Park (WFSP) near Sultan, with its miles of hiking and biking trails that lead to viewpoints of 3 waterfalls, is one of the most popular recreational destinations in Snohomish County. However, over the last two decades, the popularity of the trails has resulted in numerous problems due to overcrowding. These problems range from extreme parking issues to resource damage.

The State Parks Department is now carrying out a planning process and seeking public input (known as CAMP) which is aimed at identifying areas for potential park expansion. One of these potential areas lies to the east of WFSP in land managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This area includes an additional trailhead and a recently built 3-mile loop trail that accesses a beautiful mossy rock viewpoint. The area also features a partially built trail that will add further viewpoints of the falls on the other side of the river from the existing trails.

At the same time as the CAMP process, the DNR is also conducting a community conversation process asking for public input on decisions on how to manage the lands that border WFSP. Currently, DNR is considering either clearcutting the area between the new trailhead and WFSP, or conducting thinning harvesting in this area. The revenue from the timber harvest would go to trust beneficiaries, most notably Snohomish County. DNR is opposed to the idea of expanding WFSP.

Recently, the Sierra Club, Washington Trails Association, Wilderness Society, Wild Washington and several other environmental and recreational organizations sent a letter to State Parks and the DNR suggesting a win-win solution. This solution would allow expansion of the park while also finding a way to compensate trust beneficiaries for loss of revenue from timber sales. The solution suggested was to study potential DNR areas for a "Trust Land Transfer" (TLT). This land transfer would allow for the State Park to be expanded by requiring the legislature to buy replacement land for the DNR.

For years, the TLT process has been used throughout the state to expand state parks and create DNR natural areas. For example, a few months ago, the legislature funded a TLT in the Blanchard Mountain area in Skagit County. This action was initiated by the Mt Baker Group of the Sierra Club.

If you are interested in helping the expansion of WFSP and or other state forest-land issues, please consider joining State Forest committee meetings at 6:30 on the first Wednesday of the month. (This is right before the National Forest meeting, except for August when there is no meeting).

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# Yes on Initiative - 1631



1631 Petitions

Photo: Lindee Cunningham

Accelerating Washington State's transition away from carbon pollution and toward clean energy has never been more important. That's why the Sierra Club in Washington State enthusiastically, strongly, urgently says: "Yes on Initiative-1631."

I-1631 was developed in coalition with dozens of organizations including labor, communities of color, and environmental organizations. This initiative gets it right – fees for large carbon polluters which fund investment in solutions! I-1631 recognizes that climate change is real, that we can act to reduce carbon pollution with transition to clean energy economies, and that it's key to invest first in communities most impacted.

July 6 is the deadline for signatures to get I-1631 on the ballot. Sierra Club activist, Don Steinke, who played a big part stopping expansion of the Tesoro-Savage oil export terminal in Vancouver, WA, is the one of the top volunteer signature gatherers for I-1631. Here is his story:

## Can We Save Civilization, As We Know It? A Plea for Initiative 1631

By Don Steinke

We've waited thirty years for Congress to act on global warming. We've waited enough. Some scholars are saying it is too late to save civilization as we know it, but I believe for the sake of our children we are obligated to do everything possible to save what we can.

There is probably nothing more important you can do this June to protect our children's future than to collect signatures for Initiative 1631.

Initiative 1631 will place a fee on large corporate polluters, such as refineries and power plants, and use the funds to invest in clean energy projects such as wind and solar while mitigating the impacts to low income households.

We currently send billions of dollars out of Washington State each year for natural gas, coal, and oil produced in other states as well as Canada. Initiative 1631 will keep some of that money here to invest in local clean energy production.

### Go to [Yes On1631.org/events](http://YesOn1631.org/events) to volunteer!

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# Columbia River Treaty Negotiations Begin But Indigenous People Are Excluded

By John Osborn

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On Memorial Day 2018 a moment of silence was held to mark the 70th anniversary of the Vanport Flood, which killed at least 15 people and left 18,000 others homeless. The following day, May 29, the United States and Canada began formal negotiations to modernize the Columbia River Treaty – negotiations notable for the exclusion of indigenous people.

These two events are linked because the US and Canadian governments used the flooding of a community built on a floodplain near Portland, Oregon to promote a treaty authorizing dams upstream. Those dams forced thousands of residents from their homes and permanently flooded wildlife rich river valleys of the Upper Columbia River Basin. This flooding especially impacted the indigenous people, who had lived in the area for thousands of years.

According to Martin Carver of Nelson B.C., coordinator of the Upper Columbia Basin Environmental Collaborative, “We need to work together to modernize the Columbia River Treaty – to right historic wrongs and restore the river ecosystem as much as possible.”

*To learn how you can help advance justice through modernizing the Columbia River Treaty, contact our chapter’s Water & Salmon Committee (Elaine Packard [espackard@msn.com](mailto:espackard@msn.com) or John Osborn [john@waterplanet.ws](mailto:john@waterplanet.ws))*

*For the full story on this topic, see the Washington State Sierra Club web site <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington>.*

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# Preparing for Public Comment on Tacoma Liquefied “Natural” Gas Facility

By Victoria Leistman

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This summer will be a busy time for activists working against Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility in Tacoma. We will be preparing for the public comment process regarding the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) recently mandated by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

Because LNG is acquired mostly from the environmentally-destructive practice of fracking, the SEIS must account for greenhouse gas emissions and a life cycle analysis of fracked gas. This requirement poses a threat to the LNG project, but construction continues on the facility despite lack of approval for the air permit application. A Stop Work Order is needed.

Opposition to the dangerous and environmentally hazardous facility has received an added boost from the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). In a letter to PSE released in May, the UTC recommended the company prepare a plan for if the facility is significantly delayed or does not become operational at all.

The public comment period on the draft SEIS is October 1 through November 15, with a public hearing scheduled for October 30. Grassroots activists at public meetings last

November are credited with convincing the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to require further study of the LNG project. We need to keep up that momentum to put a final stop to the project.

These two pieces (receiving the comment and hearing schedule far in advance from the agency, and the UTC sending a letter in our favor) give us another leg up in the road to stopping this facility. We continue to educate the public and build a movement of folks fighting for indigenous rights and sound energy investments.

Washington State Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Tatoosh Group (Tacoma area) are partnering with a coalition of local groups working against this project. We stand with the Puyallup Tribal Council, the Water Warriors Movement, Protectors of the Salish Sea, Redefine Tacoma, 350Seattle and 350Tacoma, Native Daily Network, and Tacoma Direct Action, among others.

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# Risky Kinder Morgan Pipeline Bailed Out by Canadian Government: The Battle Continues



First Nations Lead May Rally Against Kinder Morgan Pipeline

Photo: Victoria Leistman

By Victoria Leistman

The Canadian government has announced that they are purchasing the Trans Mountain pipeline for at least \$4.5 billion, aligning themselves with Big Oil and disregarding consultation with First Nations. This bailout of the struggling project renews the threat of a disastrous oil spill in state waters.

Kinder Morgan had set May 31st as the deadline for their decision whether to move forward with the project or cancel it altogether. The project has now been transferred to Canadian government hands, and the sale includes the Puget Sound Pipeline spur off the current Trans Mountain line in Washington's Whatcom County.

Washingtonians have worked hard in the resistance to this project and opposition is growing, recognizing that the 700 percent increase in tanker traffic would put our waters at huge risk of dirty tar sands spill. On May 20th, hundreds took to the streets and the sea in Seattle, turning up the heat on Kinder Morgan just prior to their decision date. A march

through the city joined forces with kayaktavists surrounding Kinder Morgan's Harbor Island facility in the Puget Sound.

After the announcement of the sale, there was an emergency rally at Westlake Park that evening. The following day, Governor Jay Inslee spoke out in an op-ed in the Seattle Times saying Canada "took a major step backward" in buying the pipeline. And on June 7th, a delegation of Washington VIPs representing environmental interests met with the Canadian consulate, followed by a press conference in downtown Seattle.

We will be re-invigorating the Pull Together effort to raise legal fees for First Nations court cases regarding this project. The decisions are still pending on many of these cases and we'll be creating a fund for appeals on those outcomes as well.

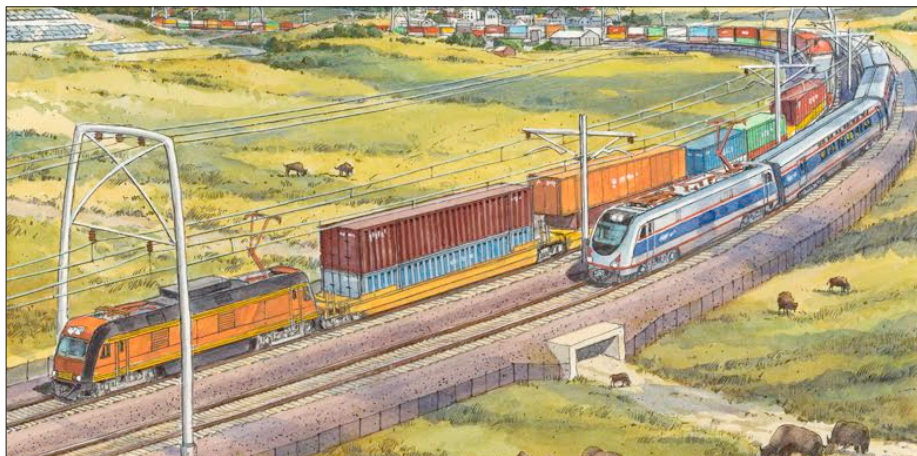
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# Electrified Railroads Can Improve Carbon Footprint of Transport

By Tim Gould

The Sierra Club has achieved success in the last few years stopping large fossil fuel infrastructure projects at port facilities from the Columbia River to the northern reaches of Puget Sound. Yet, a sustainable economy requires more than stopping fossil fuel projects that chain us to the past, like coal, oil, and methanol terminals. The counterpoint is a compelling vision for how to rebuild our infrastructure making use of energy efficiencies and renewable energy.

Continued progress in reducing our climate footprint requires that we address the demand side to meet a crucial challenge—decarbonizing the freight sector. The Solutionary Rail plan offers a unique and compelling approach to reducing climate pollution from transport. It would electrify railroads for both freight and passengers, drawing on new wind and solar power generated along the route corridors. The plan focuses on a demonstration project along the Northern transcontinental rail corridor, including Spokane-Seattle-Portland segments. Solutionary Rail would link communities together, improve health, provide better worker conditions, and create a low-impact



Artwork by J. Craig Thorpe courtesy of Solutionary Rail

multi-modal system. By shifting freight away from long-haul trucking, there would be savings on both greenhouse gas emissions and road wear and tear.

The Washington Chapter supports the Solutionary Rail proposal. Combining electrical transmission capacity in rail corridors with electrified train propulsion would enable wind energy resources to reach larger population centers, and thus replace retired coal power such as the Colstrip plant. Multi-state support could finance a public utility-like ownership for the new infrastructure, guaranteeing long term benefits.

The Washington Legislature funded a study of “ultra-high speed” rail in the Cascadia corridor that would require new, wildly-expensive right-of-way (\$40 Billion for Vancouver, BC to Portland, OR.) Whereas electrifying rail lines to reduce pollution and fossil energy use would deliver climate benefits of decarbonizing rail transport in a time frame that matters.

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and 2050, respectively. These ambitious goals are consistent with the goals in the Paris Climate Accord.

In the three months since Trump denounced the Accord, the number of cities committed to meeting the Paris goals jumped from 533 to over 7000 worldwide! King County and members of the K4C should be applauded for recognizing their role in saving our planet and for their ambitious goals. We also need to acknowledge King County Executive Dow Constantine for leading the fight on coal exports, coal plants, oil trains and infrastructure, the John Henry mine, and new gas plants, and also now for suing the largest oil companies in Washington. However, there remains tremendous work to do. Currently, no signatory is on track to meet their greenhouse gas reduction commitments by 2020.

The good news is that it's not too late to help our local governments achieve the K4C 2030 and 2050 goals! Residents

across King County are banding together to work with our governments to develop meaningful climate action plans in which goals are operationalized and processes for measuring progress are put into place. Progress can then be regularly evaluated and plans updated to assure hitting the K4C's ultimate goals. People for Climate Action is a new organization through which local groups across several cities are working together to influence and work with our governments toward effective climate action. Our collaboration aims to share information, planning, best practices and material, and to expand the set of signatory cities. Members will jointly attend council meetings to inform and actively enable our governments to be climate leaders. Join us. Email: [peopleforclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:peopleforclimateaction@gmail.com) for more information.

*David Schwartz, Ph.D. is a leader with People for Climate Action.*



# Green Neighborhoods Grow



Photo: Jeff Wang/iStock

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By Deborah Poe and Rebecca Monteleone

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The Sierra Club supports policies that encourage sustainable land use and more density within cities, with a couple goals in mind: One goal is to make it easier for more people to use sustainable transportation options like walking, biking, and taking transit, which reduce energy use overall. The other goal is to preserve more of our region's beauty by growing our urban neighborhoods from within (instead of growing out).

These goals — combined with Seattle's need to address the shortage of housing in our city — led Sierra Club Seattle Group to support the proposed Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) policy in Seattle. This policy would ensure that growth brings affordability. It is designed to do this through zoning changes that encourage increased housing options and also require affordable housing to be built. The plan is for approximately 6,000 units housing people who could otherwise be priced out of living in our city. This policy underlines the connections between housing, the environment, and social justice.

We believe that if you are pro-environment, you've got to be pro-density too. Sixty four percent of greenhouse gas emissions in Seattle come from transportation. Less sprawl means shorter commutes and decreased emissions, and energy use is reduced because more people are living closer together. By encouraging density, we're helping protect our wild spaces from further development and combating climate change.

We know that the MHA isn't the only thing that needs to be done to solve our affordable housing crisis, but it's one important piece of the housing puzzle. It will help increase affordability and density, and address our climate crisis at the same time. Get involved by attending the citywide public hearing. The hearing date will be posted on the Seattle City Council's MHA Committee website (<http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/citywidemha>).

*Debra Poe and Rebecca Monteleone are members of the Sierra Club Seattle Group executive committee. Contact Rebecca Monteleone to volunteer on housing issues: [rebecca.deehr@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.deehr@gmail.com).*

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further details under News on the Washington State Sierra Club web site <https://www.sierraclub.org/washington>.

A copy of the DPEIS and information on how to comment is located on the Chelan County web site: <http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/natural-resources/pages/environmental-review>.

A public hearing and open house is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Leavenworth Festhalle, 1001 Front Street, Leavenworth, WA.

Chelan County will also conduct an informational meeting in the Seattle area on Monday June 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Washington Department of Ecology in Bellevue.

*To get involved on this issue or for further information, please contact Alex: [Alex.Craven@sierraclub.org](mailto:Alex.Craven@sierraclub.org).*

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# OUTINGS



## Educational Outings

### Connect With The Outdoors With The Sierra Club

Whether by foot, snowshoe, skis, bicycle, kayak or public transit, you can enjoy good company on our educational outings. They range from easy trips such as viewing birds, flora and fauna; to ambitious multi-day backpack trips. Our certified leaders strive to provide safe and inspiring trips that will help you understand more about the essential roles of our natural resources, and how we can protect them. Our outings are free and open to the public, unless otherwise stated.



Photo: Chris Hartman, Assistant Leader - Kayaking on Lacamas Lake near Camas, WA



Photo: Chas Pauly - Hikers at Lake 22

## Find your Outing on Meetup

To manage outings across Washington State we operate several Meetup sites. Meetup is a free website organizing system that helps us plan, announce and coordinate our outings and showcase photos taken by participants. Visit our Meetup sites and sign up so you can receive announcements about trips as they are scheduled, which may be only one or two weeks before they happen.

- **Vancouver/Portland area outings** include bicycling and beginner sea kayaking trips: [www.meetup.com/Portland-Vancouver-Sierra-Club-Outings-Events](http://www.meetup.com/Portland-Vancouver-Sierra-Club-Outings-Events)
- **Spokane area outings are on:** [www.meetup.com/Exploring-the-Inland-Northwest-with-Sierra-Club](http://www.meetup.com/Exploring-the-Inland-Northwest-with-Sierra-Club)
- **Western Washington outings are on:** [www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Outings-Western-Washington)

### Western Washington Outings Planned for Summer

Summer plans include the series "Exploring the Wilderness Areas of the Pacific Northwest." We'll backpack in scenic National Parks and wilderness areas. To experience the beauty of these areas, we'll spend time enjoying sunrises and sunsets, and soak in the full wilderness experience! These trips favor the tortoise in us, taking the time to enjoy the experience. Although these trips will cover many miles, individuals of all ages are encouraged!

- July 1 - 3: West Fork Foss River; Alpine Lakes Wilderness (first of several trips to be announced later).

### And Sea Kayaking trips:

- July 21 - 22: Southworth Ferry terminal vicinity to Blake Island State Park. Hiking, camping overnight and possible night-time circumnavigation of Blake island.
- Sept. 14: Paddle Lake Ozette. (for beach cleanup volunteers).



**And a service project followed by a day of fun:**

- Sept. 15: Ocean beach cleanup walk (part of the International Coastal Cleanup): Sand Point, Olympic National Park near Ozette.
- Sept. 16: Neah Bay Day: Breakfast in Neah Bay, visit Makah Museum, Cape Flattery Hike

**Service project for canoers and kayakers:**

- Sept. 28 - 30: Baker Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-up & Campout. Free for helpers: camping and use of canoes!

Additional information about our outings can be viewed at: [www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings](http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/outings)

If you have questions or comments, contact Tom Crisp: [Outings.chair@washington.sierraclub.org](mailto:Outings.chair@washington.sierraclub.org)

To Join our future outings, please look at our webpage:

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Better yet, if you are interested in training to be an outings leader, you can find out more details at:

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We welcome your participation.

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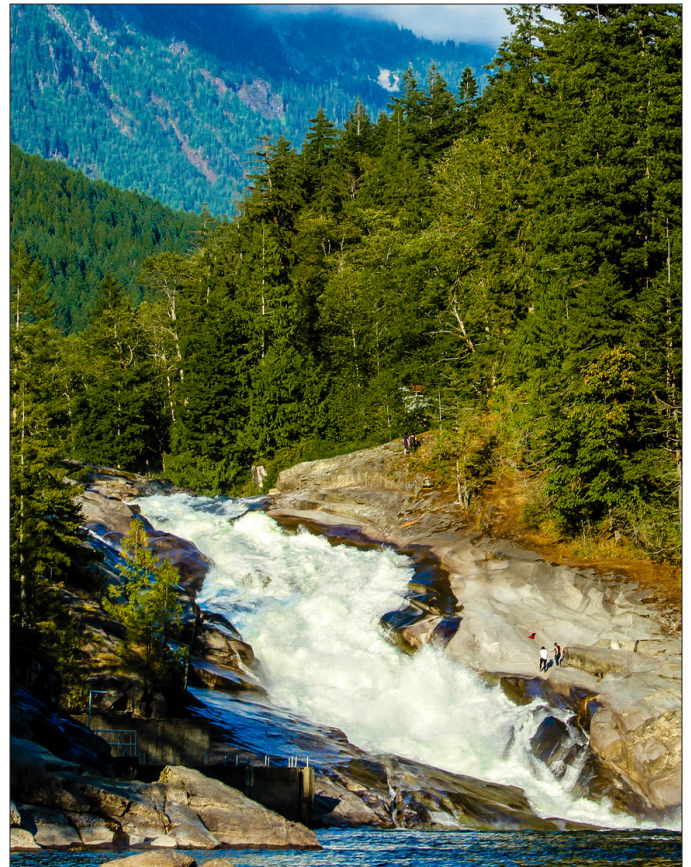
# Sunrise at Sunset Falls

By Andrea Matzke

Sierra Club, led by the Snohomish Group, helped defeat another environmentally crippling project of Snohomish County PUD (SnoPUD). It took a record seven years of constant pressure to get SnoPUD to withdraw their hydroelectric dam proposal, but our efforts resulted in saving Sunset Falls and the South Fork Skykomish River, plus a few million of their closest friends (i.e. fish and wildlife).

You might be wondering why anyone would propose a new dam when we're spending billions to take dams down and restore salmon populations. Nevertheless, shortly after the citizens of Washington voted for clean energy and against new hydroelectric power qualifying as renewable, SnoPUD announced plans to start building new hydro power projects. One of the eighteen rivers under consideration was the South Fork of the Skykomish River (the "Sky"), a unique Washington river with numerous official protections against any kind of hydroelectric development.

The Sky's protections were based on two major factors. First, the river has a very high resource value due to its exceptional scenic beauty, opportunities for recreation, and support of wildlife and fish populations, including four species of salmon on the Endangered Species List. Second, the river's unique shape has drawn numerous hydropower attempts in the past. In fact, of the six hydropower attempts in the last thirty years, SnoPUD and its former general manager were behind three of them. But the most recent attempt took over twice as long and cost many millions more before coming to the same conclusion: hydropower development on the Sky is not feasible, not financially, not ecologically.



Sunset Falls

Photo: Andrea Matzke

The key to helping a power company remember the lessons they've already learned in the past might just be this: ***Speak softly and carry a big club...Sierra Club.***

*Andrea Matzke is a member of the Snohomish Group Executive Committee and has been fighting this project at Sunset Falls for seven years.*

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# UPDATES

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## Washington State Chapter Resources for Equity and Justice

By Diane Shisk

The Equity and Justice Committee (formerly named the “Environmental Justice Committee”) has developed resources specifically tailored to the internal needs of the Washington Chapter. They’re now available on the chapter website by going to Protect > Equity and Justice Committee. In addition to an Introductory Toolkit with learning modules designed for volunteer leaders to use during standing meetings, we have released a new document: “Equity Resources for your Volunteer Work.” This document includes sections on:

- Inclusive Outreach
- Working with organizations representing communities of color

- Recruiting and engaging diverse volunteers and leaders
- Allyship
- Meeting Norms

For each of the topics we have selected top resources and listed action steps volunteer leaders might take.

*For any questions or suggestions for our chapter’s work on equity and justice, or if you’re interested in volunteering for the committee, email: EJ Chair Diane Shisk at [dshisk@earthlink.net](mailto:dshisk@earthlink.net).*

*Diane Shisk is the Washington State Sierra Club Chapter Equity and Justice Committee Chair.*



Hummingbird

Photo: Bill Anderson

## Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds

from the Snohomish Group

A fall tradition for nature lovers throughout the Northwest: Puget Sound Bird Fest returns the weekend of September 14-16 in Edmonds. Acclaimed as one of the Seattle area’s best events on [www.events12.com](http://www.events12.com), this annual 3-day festival celebrates birds and nature around the shores of Puget Sound with speakers, guided walks and field trips, boat tours, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. The Sierra Club Snohomish Group is supporting the Bird Fest as part of a focus on protecting the Edmonds Marsh, which offers refuge to nearly 200 species of birds.

The Bird Fest kicks off Friday evening with a keynote address on Pacific Northwest eagles by professional nature photographer Kevin Ebi. On Saturday, celebrity birder Noah Strycker will share his experiences from 2015 as he became the first human to see more than half of the planet’s bird species in a single, year-long, round-the-world birding trip.

*For more information visit the festival website at [www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org](http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org).*

## Misuse of Funds and Misrepresentation of Facts Charged Against Newport Silicon Smelter

By Phyllis J. Kardos and John Enders

The proposed smelter in Newport Washington would affect much more than the local area. Among emitted toxins, annual HiTest smelter emissions would include tons of Greenhouse Gases, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides, and Particulate Matter.

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Responsible Growth\*NE Washington and Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter are working to stop the HiTest Sands smelter. The Tribe contends that there was a misuse of \$300,000 strategic reserve funds that HiTest received from the Washington State Department of Commerce to engineer this Project. In a letter to Commerce, the Tribe stated that misuse of these funds was due to improper administration of the economic development incentives by Commerce, and factual misrepresentation on invoices submitted to Commerce by HiTest.

Other items of contention include: federal easement violations, using improper meteorological data to model air quality impacts, and the legality of a PUD land purchase for the sole purpose of selling that land to HiTest.

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# UPDATES

## Bad News in Congress for Columbia River Salmon



Salmon Migration is Limited by Dams

Photo: Andrea Matzke

By Bill Arthur

One small step to help endangered salmon in the Columbia River Basin could be taken back, if Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers gets her way.

She and Rep. Dan Newhouse successfully sponsored legislation in Congress, H.R.3144, to prohibit court-ordered levels of

“spill” over Snake River dams. “Spill” helps young salmon as they migrate past the Snake and Columbia River dams out to the ocean. The bill will now go to the U.S. Senate.

Senator Patty Murray along with Rep. Adam Smith and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, have publicly opposed this legislation, as have Governor Inslee and Gov. Brown (OR).

Messages to Senators Cantwell and Murray encouraging their opposition to the bill are very timely now. Key message: Thank you for opposing H.R.3144. It’s wrong to stop ongoing efforts to help Snake and Columbia River salmon. “Spill” is important for young, migrating salmon in the short term; removing four Lower Snake River dams is key in the long-term.

Contact Sens. Murray and Cantwell at: [www.senate.gov/general/contacting](http://www.senate.gov/general/contacting)

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The state Executive Committee is made up of the nine elected at-large members plus one representative from each of the nine local groups. Terms are for two years. Local Groups have their own Executive Committees and their annual elections are also in the fall.

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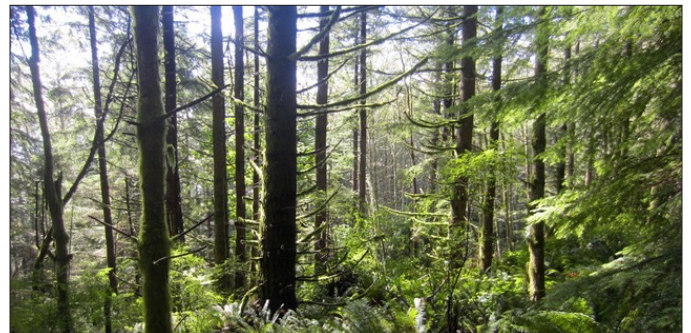
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## SAVE THE DATE: Forest Committee Training for Activists

By Barbara Boyle

When you're out enjoying our remarkable wild public forestlands here in Washington State, do you ever wonder whether our ancient forests are on the mend from decades of overcutting? Or do you think about who makes the decisions regarding whether trails are open or closed to motorized vehicles? Or are you curious about why some areas are protected as wilderness or Washington State natural areas and other places aren't? The answer to all these questions includes the phrase, "Thanks to the active engagement of citizen volunteers..."

The National and the State Forest Committees are planning a one-day training to focus on the management of Washington's public forestlands, those that are managed by the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and also the federal forests managed by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). We plan to cover some history (how did we get here?), forest planning frameworks, the current state of these lands, and how the Sierra Club both drives and responds to these forest management issues.



Blanchard Forest

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If you'd like to learn how you can have an impact on how our public forests are managed—or if you just want to know more about how key management decisions are made—plan to join Sierra Club's Forest Committee at a training workshop for activists on Saturday, October 6 in Seattle.

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