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Please be aware the Alpine Lakes Wilderness is a shared natural resource that must be respected and protected. Please do not seek any increase in the amount of water removed from the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area. The Wilderness protection alternative should comply with all provisions in the Forest Service's administrative Alpine Lakes Wilderness Management Plan, including: "except as provided for in Section 4 (d))4) of the Wilderness Act, watersheds will not be altered or managed to provide increased water quantity, quality or timing of discharge. The Water Conservation alternative should evaluate how IPID spills large quantities of water back into the Wenatchee River at the end of several of its canals. The EIS should include a Water Right Change alternative. This would evaluate improving Icicle Creek flows by moving IPIDs point of diversion. The EIS should discuss the hydrological and biological impacts of the current drawdowns of the lakes, and any proposed changes actions downstream. The EIS should analyze each proposed action's site-specific impacts, past practices, and the restoration, mitigation, and funding that are needed in the future. The EIS should provide a detailed operations maintenance and environmental monitoring plan for the water infrastructure, and analysis of the wilderness impacts of the specific maintenance actions including helicopter use. The EIS should fully explain the purpose and need for the water these projects would provide. The EIS should fully explain what human activities caused the degraded conditions that the projects seek to improve. WE SHOULD NOT BE REPEATING THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST. Thank You. Bob and Linda Welsh