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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 8:35 AM
To: Mike Kaputa <Mike.Kaputa@CO.CHELAN.WA.US>
Subject: Alpine Lakes Wilderness comment

Dear Mr. Kaputa,

Alpine Lakes Wilderness provides a majestic, peaceful, and awe inspiring place for humans to be with nature. It provides a relatively undisturbed and pristine habitat for wild animals. Wilderness areas need to remain WILD. The short sighted efforts of some people to encroach on these shrinking areas of wilderness baffles me. We need to protect the area AND its water for the health of the earth, which provides for the health of the animals and the health of the humans. If we are to leave anything kind of habitable earth left for future generations, we must start protecting our environment and wild places NOW, not selling them out to the highest bidder.

I am sure that you will receive many letters with all the more technical points of concern highlighted about this proposed plan to dam and drain the alpine lakes, so I don't need to repeat all that. This appeal comes from the heart. Please, please, please use your position and ability to protect this gem of a wilderness area. The process must also include input from environmentalists and the people who value and visit softly this beautiful land. The time has come to limit human impact on these places. If there is not enough water for the humans, then limit the human expansion in the area. Don't drain and destroy the wilderness!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Patricia Danner
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