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Subject: Icicle Basin water plan

Hello,

I am writing to comment on the Icicle basin water plan. I am especially opposed to the reconstruction of the Eightmile lake dam and any new construction on Klonaqua lakes. The Eightmile dam was destroyed so long ago that to rebuild the dam would be equivalent to constructing a dam on a lake where a dam has never existed before. This is a popular hiking destination, and the destruction of the shoreline would make it an unattractive place to visit. It would also be disruptive to the ecosystem, and overall a severe detriment to one of Washington's finest natural treasures. I feel the same regarding the proposed actions at Klonaqua lakes. Such projects are not compatible with the primeval character of wilderness. These are the two parts of the proposal with which I take the most issue, but I would like to express my disapproval of most everything else it contains. I would see all the Icicle Basin dams on alpine lakes removed and the region restored to its natural state. These structures are an ugly blemish on an otherwise pristine and spectacular region. Please explore other options such as water conservation rather than cause further degradation of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

Sincerely,
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