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My name is Naydene Maykut, I am representing Friends of Bumping Lake. We continue to strongly believe that the Bumping Lake Enlargement is a huge mistake. It is a mistake for the Environment, for recreation, economically, and possibly even for the salmon.

The Enlargement would destroy groves of diverse old growth and an uniquely biodiverse forest at the confluence of Western and Eastern Washington. The Enlargement would also destroy an established bull trout habitat and critical spotted owl habitat.

The catchment basin for Bumping Lake is not large enough to fill the lake every year. It has even been calculated that the average flow into the lake will not fill the proposed reservoir. Because of the uncertainty of the shoreline level, recreation will be hugely adversely impacted.

The Bumping Lake Enlargement cannot be cost-justified for agriculture. The Water Research Center has indisputably shown this in its award-winning, unbiased, gold-standard report on the Yakima Plan. In this report, it is calculated that once again, the Bumping Lake Enlargement will add little to the stream flow for the salmon. It would be best for the salmon in the long run to build fish passage at the present Bumping dam than to build a larger dam and use catch and haul. The Bureau of Rec has stated this is possible to do right now. It is a fallacy to say that building yet another dam will bring back the salmon when there are other ways to support the return of the salmon to Bumping Lake that are far less destructive to the environment and to the Eastern Washington Community.

Because of these important reasons, Friends of Bumping Lake will continue to oppose the building of the high Bumping dam.

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead*

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