

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform you that SVENA (Skykomish Valley Environmental & Economic Alliance) is a local non-profit organization in Snohomish County of Washington State. It is supported by local residents, homeowners, businesses and other non-profits. Our mission is to protect an environmentally and economically sustainable future of the Skykomish River Valley. We are working towards a safer, cleaner, healthier and more beautiful place to live and to visit. We are very concerned and alarmed that Snohomish County PUD in Washington State is proposing a hydropower project on the Skykomish River that would:

- Drastically reduce amount of water over a mile of the State Scenic River System, in violation of mandated minimum flows;
- Create a potential for significant harm to several threatened fish species;
- Blast a 2-story-high tunnel just 330 feet from a large, active landslide.

Moreover, this project has significant cost overruns and is not financially effective. The S. Fork Skykomish is part of the WA State Scenic River System. The NW Power & Conservation Council (a federal agency) legally protected this stretch of river from hydropower development.

We are requesting that FERC denies approval of this Draft License Application, and puts a stop to setting hydropower on our protected river and to immense waste of our tax money.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Inessa Pearce  
President  
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