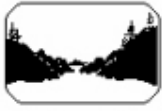


Letter to the Editor, August 27, 2000



The Enterprise

220 Jewett Blvd, PO Box 218, White Salmon, WA 98672, Phone: 509.493.2112

Hemlock project went faster than expected

Thanks for your coverage of the Hemlock Dam removal and the restoration of Trout Creek. I had a chance to visit the site recently and was impressed by the excellent work done by the crew from James Dean Construction. Trout Creek is once again a free-flowing stream, and the project went even better and faster than anyone anticipated.

It was also wonderful to see millions of dollars flowing to local jobs. If only Skamania County Commissioners had not wasted so much money on Seattle attorneys in their unsuccessful attempt to block this project, that money too could have been spent in the local community.

Dam removal projects such as Hemlock have proven to be a positive thing for both fish and the local economy. And smaller projects such as Hemlock have provided valuable experience for bigger projects such as the removal of Condit Dam on the White Salmon River, scheduled for next year.

Unfortunately, our Klickitat County Commissioners have already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to delay the removal of Condit, led by the very same attorneys who failed to stop the Hemlock project. I hope the commissioners will not waste another taxpayer dollar on this futile battle. I would much rather see money going to local contractors than to lawyers in Seattle and Washington, D.C.

Dawn Stover
Snowden