



ALPINE LAKES
protection society

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Via email

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RE: **Icicle Creek Work Group**

Dear Messrs. Sandison and Goehner:

Thank you for your letter inviting the Alpine Lakes Protection Society (ALPS) to become a formal member of the Icicle Work Group. ALPS has decided to continue as an informal observer (particularly regarding projects in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness) and not as a formal member of the Work Group. We appreciate the information that has been provided thus far.

ALPS recommends that the Work Group remove the Eightmile Lake storage expansion project from the Work Group process, and not treat it as a consensus project. There are many unanswered legal and factual questions about the extent and validity of Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District's current water right, and what expansion would entail.

Consistent with its mission to protect the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, ALPS reserves its rights to challenge any illegal developments in the Wilderness.

Sincerely,

ALPINE LAKES PROTECTION SOCIETY

Karl Forsgaard, Board member

cc: Icicle Work Group members
ALPS Board members
American Whitewater
The Mountaineers
North Cascades Conservation Council
Sierra Club
Washington Wild