

Harriet Bullitt

Dear Mike,

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I will not be coming to the Icicle Work Group in the future. I believe I cannot be a contribution.

When I first attended, I believed IWC was a community group of local stakeholders i.e., landowners, business owners, and home owners, who would address future water management issues in the Wenatchee Valley Watershed.

I recognized that the group mainly comprises government representatives, who are mainly dedicated to extracting more water from the Valley than what is now available. The mission appears to be to qualify for government funding to bring more water from the high country, including Alpine Lakes Wilderness area.

I haven't heard any conservation suggestions in the IWG explored by any local user or government agency. No one has wondered how they could use less, instead of more, water. Surely there could be less waste in the irrigation system. Technology is available to the Fish Hatchery for recovering fresh water. It all costs money. I've heard no discussion of comparative costs with conservation uses applied to future years.

I'm not willing to help ask our elected representatives for an appropriation to bring water out of our treasured wilderness, before we have explored possibilities through conservation.

Sincerely,

Harriet Bullitt