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Attach: Large_Wood_Public_Rule_3_31_2010[1].pdf
Subject: Re: Boise Creek

Great job Martha thanks a lot. I will post your comments and may send out if Ok with you. I have an inside word that King County is starting another woody debris blocking. They have hired one of my neighbors old friends as a consultant. I can't find the project on there site, it may be covered up with one of their other projects.

Also found the attached on the ignored safety issues and here http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/news/2009/June/LP_woodydek
These county are idiots. Even the City of Seattle employees think they are as well as the vendors. That says a lot. We have an ex county type on our road who I know, and in dealing with him on simple road maintenance, it makes a couple of wonder where he is coming from.

This is a lie:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/watersheds/general-information/large-wood/large-wood-faq.aspx#7>

Has anyone died as a result of encountering placed large wood in King County rivers?

There have been no known deaths as a result of wood placed by King County. There were on average three river drowning deaths annually (compared to 11 annually in lakes), according to data from the King County Medical Examiner and Public Health -- Seattle & King County regarding preventable deaths by drowning from 1996-2006. None of the deaths were attributed to large wood during this 10-year period. According to the same document, most cases of drowning could have been prevented through the use of a personal floatation device (PFD), child supervision, avoiding alcohol consumption near bodies of water, and other safety measures.

Jack Venrick

PS I have website documentary going out today on how the State of Washington constitutionS are cooked and all the state and US constitutions. This is how they do it. When the territories were rolled over into the union, the prominent political attorneys and politicians wrote up the constitutions more as municipal corporation bylaws than constitutional republic constitutions focused on protecting the sovereignty of the natural

born state Citizens.

Jack

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From: MarthaLParker@aol.com
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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 12:26 AM
Subject: Boise Creek

Hello, Jack,

I can't keep up with all the emails I'm getting. So I keep yours for a while and read them some more. I just got through seeing your pictures again on Boise Creek. I checked out who owns the land at the creek mouth - of course it's King County. Seattle Public Utilities also owns some nearby - upstream along the White River.

I checked this out easily at the site www.kingcounty.gov/ddes/ and used Parcel Viewer. This is easy to do, and you can just use the map to zero in on the area you want - you don't need to have an address or parcel number.

I checked out the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants, and found the project, which is in the next paragraph. (The formatting is messed up). So I found the Puyallup Tribe got \$95,000 in 2008. Most of this money usually comes from the feds, some from the state.

Puyallup Tribe of Indians \$95,000
 Relocating Boise Creek Channel and Providing Fish Passage
 The Puyallup Tribe of Indians will use this grant to design and engineer two projects--
 one to relocate Boise Creek to its historic channel within the Enumclaw Golf Course,
 and one to provide fish passage above Boise Creek Falls. Relocating the channel will
 provide shade, better cover and other habitat benefits, and will reduce human disturbance to spawning fish. The fish passage project will open more than 1 mile of
 habitat, increasing spawning habitat in the creek by 20 percent. The newly opened segment will offer better overall habitat than areas downstream because it is in a forest.
 The tribe will contribute \$25,000. (08-2006)

I attended the SRFB meetings a couple of times, a couple of years ago. They usually decide which grants to make in their December meeting. Their meetings, agendas and minutes are on their website.
www.rco.wa.gov/boards/srfb_meetings.shtml Once you write them, or attend a meeting, you will be on their email list. I went there to complain that their money

was used for an LWD project that killed someone.

Large woody debris projects can kill people. That's what happened on the Soleduck on the Olympic Peninsula in 2006. A suit was instituted, and the family actually got \$225,000. The woody debris that trapped a young lady has now been removed, and the steel H-piles that provided attachment to the LWD with chain have been cut off at the river bottom.

There is another suit pending against the county for the permanent brain damage accident that occurred on the Cedar in 2002. Trial is expected to be in January.

Even though the Boise Creek project started by clearing the land, they probably did that so they could re-shape it. I feel sure they will plant lots of trees and bushes there, all native plants. It will take years to recover, of course.

There must be a salmon recovery group for the White, just as there is for the Green, Cedar and other river basins all over the state. You could find out where and when they meet, and raise some hell at the meetings.

I brought pictures of the county structural failures of their woody debris projects to a meeting of the Green salmon recovery folks. They are still creating failures, as of 2008. They had to re-engineer and re-create a project on the Cedar. This has now been completed this year. The old failed one created a problem in Renton when some of their woody debris got stuck under the Williams Ave. bridge in Renton. Renton had to cut it out, and discovered the steel understructure had been bent by the impact. The bridge also carries a gas line, which could have exploded.

This Boise Creek project reminds me of the one on the Tolt. They have destroyed most of the road we used to park cars, so we could canoe out the mouth of the Tolt and take out on the Snoqualmie, which I found a neat experience. Acres of land at the Tolt mouth are now meant to be swampy and have plenty of large woody debris. They have even created several large ditches to carry high water from the lower Tolt into their new habitat.

This program is not only going on all over our nation, but in Europe as well. The main problem with these projects is that there is often no competent engineering used. The managers all seem to be ecologists. The so-called "science" is fish science and completely ignores the practical science of structural engineering coupled with geotechnical expertise. There are some scientific articles in the science literature pointing out these failures. But the great majority completely ignores a proper approach.

Even though we have plenty of laws on the books to safeguard humanity and property, the people who are running these projects are purposely disregarding human safety. This points to them having a philosophy that people are bad, and should be at the bottom of consideration, whereas animals and plants should be at the top. There are now lawyers to defend plants!

In Washington, as far as I can determine, we still have laws to protect humans. The environmentalists haven't yet got them all removed from the books. I think these folks need some publicity.

Martha Parker