

The Costs of I-2117 to Washington's Lands and Waters



I-2117 would end protections for Washington's rivers, streams, lakes and natural lands. It would cut programs for salmon recovery, hurt water quality, threaten forest health, and reduce habitat preservation. That would mean biodiversity loss and fewer recreational opportunities for Washingtonians.

Cuts to Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention: I-2117 would cut nearly \$30 million in funding for programs across the state that help make our communities less vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires while making our forests healthier - and help local governments, private landowners, and communities prevent and prepare for fire in high-risk areas. This includes: cutting funding for programs that limit the severity of wildfires by removing fuel, like dead and downed brush and trees; cutting Firewise grants for local governments and landowners to prepare for wildfires; and cutting funding to build out the workforce we need to maintain and restore healthy forests and manage extreme wildfires.

Cuts to Forest Restoration and Reforestation: I-2117 will cut \$10 million in funding for forest restoration and reforestation. Unhealthy forests are more susceptible to pests, disease, and catastrophic fires.

Cuts to Wildlife and Habitat Preservation: I-2117 would end \$15 million in funding for the state to acquire and protect ecologically sensitive lands. These lands play a crucial role in preserving natural habitats, supporting wildlife, and maintaining ecosystem health. This limits biodiversity, water quality, and recreational opportunities for Washingtonians.

Cuts to Programs That Protect and Restore Streams and Rivers: I-2117 would devastate programs that restore and protect rivers, lakes, and streams. For example, I-2117 would take away \$11 million in funding for The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The program compensates farmers to plant native vegetation along salmon bearing streams. This protects the environmentally sensitive land promoting biodiversity and ecosystem health.

Cuts to Programs That Protect Fish Habitat & Salmon Recovery: I-2117 would eliminate funding for protecting endangered fish habitat and supporting salmon recovery across the state. That includes removing barriers that hurt migratory fish, like spawning salmon; and programs for salmon recovery and improving their habitat in lakes, rivers, and streams.

Join Us: Endorse No on 2117

Over 350 organizations and Tribes oppose I-2117, including firefighters, small businesses, Tribal Nations, doctors and public health leaders, labor unions, and environmental groups.

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