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Colonel Vin Rathburn
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Dear Col. Rathburn:

President Carter recently recommended in his message on the environment that a portion of the Skagit River and three of its tributaries (Sauk, Suiattle and Cascade Rivers) are worthy of inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The President's recommendation allows for authorizing legislation to be introduced.

As you may know, I've been concerned about flood control for the Skagit River Valley and have previously met with Colonel Poteat, Mr. Auburg, and Mr. Huffman to discuss this issue in detail.

Accordingly, I would like to have another meeting with the Corps focusing on the economic feasibility of a dry dam on the Sauk River. I should like to request the following information be provided me during this meeting:

- 1) How much flood protection will the following projects provide: Avon Bypass, Upper Baker River Flood Control Project, Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvements, and a dry dam on the Sauk River?
- 2) Will a dry dam on the Sauk be engineeringly sound, economically justified and environmentally safe?
- 3) What type of a time frame is needed to complete a detailed study on the Sauk, cost of a Sauk River Study, and cost of construction of a dry dam on the Sauk?

I'm aware that much of the information that is being requested can't be given in specific, absolute terms without a comprehensive study done on the Sauk River. However, based on the Corps expertise, rough 'ball park' estimates on the foregoing will be greatly appreciated during the meeting.

Sincerely,

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