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Dear Governor Gregoire

Subject: Re Opening Stehekin's Recreation Access Corridor

We, the Commissioners of Chelan County strongly urge you to intercede on behalf of the Community of Stehekin in its efforts to re-open the Stehekin Recreation Access Corridor. The community needs your direct involvement and personal support of federal legislation sponsored by Congressman Hastings that would allow a small shift in the Wilderness Boundary. This would also allow the improved corridor to be re-established for motor vehicle access.

The Stehekin River Watershed is a uniquely beautiful eco-system that must be both preserved and enjoyed by the citizen taxpayers who have paid for it. Unless the Recreation Access Corridor is re-established, we as a society will be saying in effect the Stehekin River Watershed above High Bridge will have reserved access for only those among us who are the most fit and able to complete the rigorous hike on foot to get there.

Access to experience and enjoy our most beautiful and special places should be available to everyone, to the fullest extent possible. Re-establishing and re-opening the Recreation Access Corridor to controlled motorized vehicle traffic would allow that. Since there is not road access to the Stehekin Community, motor vehicle traffic on the Recreation Access Corridor could be strictly controlled through a permit system.

Governor Gregoire, the Community of Stehekin and the people of Washington need your leadership and direct support to re establish the Stehekin Recreation Access Corridor lost as a result of devastating floods; and, the Chelan County Commissioners' urge you to give it to them.

Very truly yours,



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