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### My public comment for the Planning Commission meeting for August 21, 2013

- Six Year Transportation Plan, Item 3. Hoko-Ozette Road MP 19.6 needs to be addressed in this next year. Not just consider doing a study but take action. One solution is to set the goal to determine a solution and obtain the partnerships for funding, such as with the National Park Service to access the Federal highway access funds.
- From a general email sent out to the SMP interest groups, it was briefed a change in the update to the Elwha public lands:

iii. Elwha River (between US 101 and SR 112 on public lands) – Changed from Resource Conservancy to Natural.

This is putting the cart before the horse, these lands have not been determined yet whom is going to be the owner per the federal legislation and to consider such activities that would be limited by a designation of Natural is very much premature. Also, Natural will impede any effort such as the SMP addresses as to "Public Access" to the river; how about infrastructure for such issues as addressing access for such public as handicap and disabled? There is a county road for the main purpose of access to this area and a WDFW boat launch high and dry....what's to happen to these areas if this designation is Natural. There is a strong political image that the federal legislation calls for this designation; I totally disagree! So no, do not change the designation and the blame can be put on the Elwha project for not engaging the public on such issues as this.

- Very little information is being afforded the public to keep current with the SMP update process; the email release this week with the changes is highly questionable and limited in scope. I suggest that all SMP presentations provided to the Planning Commission be uploaded to the SMP web site for the public to view. I continue to question the content of the restoration plan for WRIA 20, based on a salmon recovery strategy is the best guess I can expect while discounting other goals and strategies....the county staff appear to ignore and discount that need. I might add that the lead entity for that strategy and also SMP discussion in the WRIA 20 has failed to meet this month, a bad precedence

when the public doesn't have any other venue in WRIA 20 to attend. Also, public comments to the SMP web site continue to be neglected, not posted.

Regards,

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