

# Initiative 2117: A Bad Deal for Eastern Washington



**Firefighters, small businesses, Tribal Nations, doctors and health experts, labor unions, and environmental groups oppose Initiative 2117.** This misleading initiative would jeopardize efforts to fix our roads and bridges and mean more traffic congestion by devastating billions of dollars in Washington's transportation and infrastructure funding. It would also threaten our clean water and mean more toxic air pollution and wildfires.

“Initiative 2117 cuts programs that protect our forest health and air quality. That would make us more vulnerable to the negative impacts of catastrophic wildfires.”

**- Sami Schinnell, Washington Prescribed Fire Council and veteran wildland firefighter**



## Ends Protections for Lakes, Rivers & Streams

Cuts programs that help restore lakes, rivers, and streams, and cuts funding for health fish habitat and salmon recovery.

## More Air Pollution & Wildfires

I-2117 means more toxic air pollution, ends protections for our forests, and cuts programs to prevent wildfires.

## Hurts Our Farmland

Cuts protections for Eastern Washington farmland, farmers, and ranchers.

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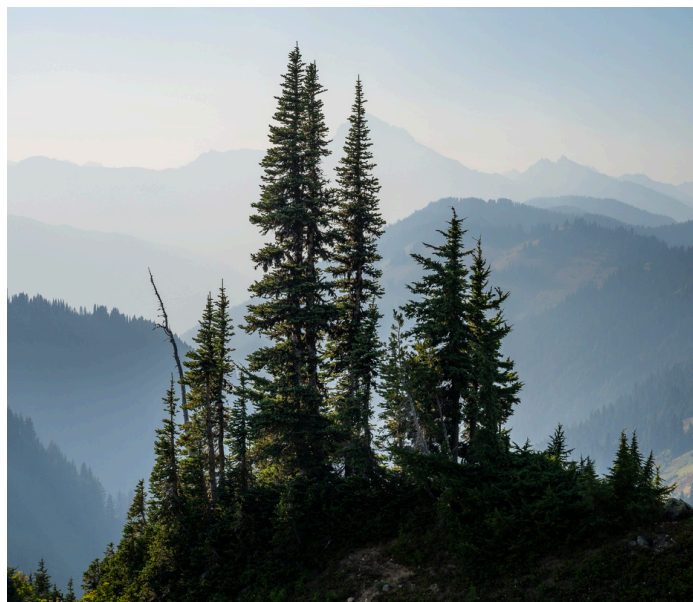


## **I-2117 ends protections for lakes, rivers, and streams and cuts funding for fish habitat:**

- **Ends funding for protecting endangered fish habitat** and supporting salmon recovery;
- Cuts funding for **removing barriers that hurt migratory fish**, like spawning salmon; and,
- Cuts **program that compensates farmers and ranchers to plant native vegetation** along salmon bearing streams.

## **I-2117 cuts funding for air quality protection and wildfire prevention programs that make Washington state forests healthier and communities safer, including:**

- Grants to **help landowners in high-risk areas to prepare for wildfires** by implementing proactive safety measures;
- **Restoring forestlands** that have the greatest potential to prevent wildfires and protect air quality; and,
- **Stopping the expansion of our regional air quality monitoring network** that helps alert families when levels of air pollution are dangerous.



## **I-2117 cuts protections for Eastern Washington's farmland, farmers, and ranchers:**

- Cuts funding for **programs that lower costs for dairy farmers** while **protecting groundwater and soil health**;
- Cuts funding for **growers and ranches to deploy sustainable practices** on their operation; and,
- Cuts funding for **Washington State University Knott Dairy Center** and the **Pasco Agricultural Symbiosis Industrial Park**.

**Join Us: Endorse No on 2117**

Over 400 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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