

Phil Anderson, Director  
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I own property across the road from the 50-acre parcel the Kroupas hope the state will buy. I have owned these 42 acres for 19 years. Over this time, I have watched the wildlife, the semi-public access, and the birdlife this parcel spawns.

I appreciate the use this land offers to the people of the area, the state and the northwest. I appreciate the sanctuary this land offers the more than 160 species the Kroupas have documented on the pieces.

I hope that you will support the state acquisition of this piece, the 70-acre parcel two miles south and the 600-acre parcel. All these pieces will ensure public access to excellent fishing, tubing, bird watching, hiking, picnicking, hunting, and other light general recreation.

The state acquisition of these pieces will also enhance the value of my adjacent property in a way that no private development can. A large owner would block access to over two miles of riverfront. And a development of 2.5 to 5 acre pieces would devastate the wildlife this country currently supports. Neither of these very likely options will enhance my life. Neither will these options enhance my property values. State acquisition to preserve these pieces will be a boon to me and to all the people who will be able to use these pieces.

I hope you will support the state acquisition of the Kroupa parcels along the Kettle River and overlooking it.

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