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Commencement of \$420,000 Skagit Flood Work, Delayed

The Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce is making every effort to speed up the starting of the new \$420,000 Skagit river flood control project, which has been postponed by the WPA, due to failure of the county commissioners to purchase the new dragline which was promised the U. S. war department engineers in charge of the project.

It is hoped that when the new project starts, a crew of men can be used to repair the damage to

the Utopia project caused by tows of logs which have broken the steel cables in the revetment work. Several of the finest farms in the valley are threatened with destruction and some five hundred feet of the revetment work has been washed away, because of the damage caused by the log rafts.

The county commissioners state that the Utopia project should never have been left by the engineers without construction of a wing dam to protect it from the

logs. They say the logging companies were willing to furnish the logs for the piling and the booms to be used to protect the work, as it is protected below Sterling and at other dangerous points in the river. The board members state that it is difficult to find money with which to buy the new dragline.

In the meantime, the Utopia farmers are watching their land wash down stream. An effort will be made next week to get the farmers, the county commissioners and the WPA engineers to agree on immediate action, and to take immediate measures to protect revetment work along the river banks or to collect damages from the loggers using the river.