Skagit River Threatening Utopia Farms

Farmers Ask Aid to Stem Erosion; Wolfe Farm Loses Land

With the Skagit river threatening to break through into the low area near Minkler Lake, East of B-10 Woolley, Utopia district farmers this week were signing a petition to be presented members of Skagit Conservation district at July 29, at Mt. Vernon.

160 acres owned by Chris Wolfe have been washed away, taking with Wolfe's barn, chicken house and woodshed. The river threatened his home, which was emptied by household goods and moved to higher ground. Wolfe is now with his daughter on the Master road.

The petition asks the soil conservation district to assist landowners in the Utopia area with erosion problems, by assigning surveyors to the area. It also asks that the district make every effort to interest county, state and federal agencies in charge of erosion and flood control work.

When the river was recently at high level a few weeks ago due to heavy rains, it was threatening several other families in the Utopia area.

This morning meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Union building at Vernon.