



## The Siskiyou Wild Rivers Oregon's Yellowstone

A proposal to permanently protect Oregon's most important natural area

The time for more Wilderness in Oregon is now!

Oregon's natural areas are an important part of why Oregon is a special place to live, work, and raise a family. The Siskiyou Wild Rivers region is Oregon's largest intact wilderness and is home to over 100 plant species found nowhere else in the world, including the carnivorous darlingtonia plant. Healthy, abundant salmon runs teem in the blue-green waters of the Illinois River and between the banks of the rushing Chetco River. The area also features Oregon's only Redwood forests, growing to a massive 15 feet in diameter. Additionally, these wildlands provide a key haven for wildlife as pressures from climate change and unchecked development mount.



*Suction dredge mining equipment like this pack vacuums river bottoms destroying salmon spawning habitat*

***Since 2001, 880 new mining claims have been filed in the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area.  
Active mining is occurring on hundreds of those claims.***

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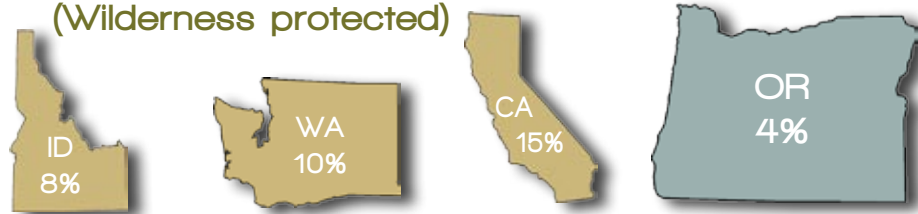
The Siskiyou Wild Rivers area sports an amazing diversity of plants, including hundreds of species that live nowhere else on earth. Given the abundance of rare plants living in the Siskiyou Wild Rivers, the World Conservation Union has designated the region as an Area of Global Botanical Significance. This amazing diversity is attributable to the fact that the area has been spared from both volcanic and glacial activity for the last 200 million years.

The Siskiyou Wild Rivers area is threatened by over 100 miles of proposed ATV trails reaching deep into wildlife sanctuaries. In addition, California recently banned suction dredge mining, and many of those miners have set their sights on rivers in Oregon's Yellowstone. Wilderness and Wild & Scenic protections will help ensure these harmful activities won't mar this biological and scenic wonder.



*K. leachiana*/Richard Wilhelm

How do we compare to our neighbors?  
(Wilderness protected)



One of the rarest plants in North America, the *Kalmiopsis leachiana*, can be found in the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area.

## A Haven for Wildlife

- *The Siskiyou Wild Rivers is home to coho, spring and fall chinook salmon, summer and winter steelhead, as well as sea-run cutthroat and coastal rainbow trout.*
- *Bald eagles, northern spotted owls, salamanders, Roosevelt elk, and black bear call this area home.*

## Take Action!

- **Join** Oregon Wild in helping to protect the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that make our state so special - *become an Oregon Wild member today!*
- **Contact** your senators and let them know why Wilderness is important to you!
  - Senator Wyden (503) 326-7525
  - Senator Merkley (503) 326-3386
  - Rep. DeFazio (541) 465-6732

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