Wild Rivers on Mount Hood

Oregon enjoys a reputation for some of the greatest river ecosystems and river recreation in the country. We now have an opportunity to protect some of **the most pristine rivers left in Oregon,** all on federal land, with new Wild and Scenic designations and Wilderness designations.

Wild and Scenic designation protects water quality and quantity for fish and wildlife habitat and recreation. Wilderness ensures no logging, road-building, dam construction or other development will destroy, silt up, or diminish the flows of our wild waters. Wilderness and Wild and Scenic designations allow access for hiking, backpacking, hunting, fishing, and non-motorized boating.

Congress is considering new wild and scenic designation and wilderness protection for some rivers and streams right here in our backyard.

East Fork of the Hood River

These "outstandingly remarkable" rivers of Mount Hood provide clean drinking water and offer fantastic river recreation opportunity including rugged hiking, whitewater boating, hunting, and fishing. They also provide some of the last, best habitat for threatened and endangered plant and animal species in western Oregon including salmon and steelhead.

Fifteenmile Creek (9.7 miles) One of the most diverse places around Mount Hood, Fifteenmile Creek's 9.7 miles of wild waters may be the best remaining example of old-growth ponderosa pine forests along a beautiful mountain stream. The creek boasts the easternmost winter-run steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

Collawash River (20.3 miles) The Collawash River has outstanding salmon and steelhead habitat. Whitewater boaters also run its scenic canyon and waterfalls.

Oak Grove Fork Clackamas River (10.1 miles) This section of the Oak Grove Fork Clackamas is lined with old growth and has some of the best fishing in the area.

The East Fork Hood River (13.9 miles) East Fork Hood River has great whitewater boating, supports a unique series of wet meadows and provides great big game habitat including elk.

Collawash River

Fish Creek (13.6 miles) Aptly named, this headwaters section of creek is considered critical to restoring Clackamas River salmon and steelhead runs.

Zigzag River (9 miles) A tributary of the Sandy River, the ZigZag supports salmon and steelhead.