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Hi Jennie, Todd, and Michelle,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the Mt Hood Wild and Scenic Values Report. ODEQ's mission is to restore, maintain, and enhance Oregon's water. Mt Hood NF's implementation of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act supports our mission by protecting and enhancing water quality. Our comments relate to the three Wild and Scenic Rivers east of the Cascade crest: East Fork Hood River, Middle Fork Hood River, and Fifteenmile Creek. Our comments on the water quality sections of each river are below. In addition, we may also send comments on macroinvertebrate values if our data and staff expertise suggest that outstandingly remarkable macroinvertebrate values are likely in these designated reaches. I hope to get any additional comments to you early next week.

p. 33 East Fork Hood River Water Quality

- Beryllium is no longer on the 303d list. Beryllium criteria was withdrawn in 2010.
- ODEQ's revised TMDL for temperature was approved by EPA in June 2018.
- ODEQ did not analyze stream flow as part of the TMDL revision. Only wasteload allocations were revised.
- Recent stream flow data was collected by Hood River Watershed Group (HRWG), ODFW, and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation (CTWSR)
- The East Fork is not listed for sedimentation because we have not collected data to indicate that it should be listed. ODEQ has a narrative sediment standard, but no numeric sediment standard.

p. 41 Fifteenmile Creek Water Quality

- Wasco County SWCD and ODFW have also collected data on Fifteenmile Creek.
- The USFS also collected pebble count data off forest in 2000. ODA and ODEQ collected pebble counts and relative bed stability data throughout watershed several times, most recently in 2015 and 2016.

p. 57 Middle Fork Hood River Water Quality

- ODEQ's revised TMDL for temperature was approved by EPA in June 2018.
- Beryllium is no longer on the 303d list. Beryllium criteria was withdrawn in 2010.
- Water is spilled from the surface when the reservoir is full in spring and early summer. This does result in warm water being released into Clear Branch below the dam. The outlet of the reservoir is bottom-water, however. This means that colder water is released during much of the summer until the hypolimnion is depleted.
- The HRWG and Middle Fork Irrigation District have also collected extensive temperature

data in and around the project area. The CTWSR has long-term data on one site in the watershed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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Good morning,

In 2009, nine rivers on the Mt. Hood National Forest were designated by Congress as additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act (123 Stat. 991, P.L. 111-11) because of their unique cultural and natural characteristics. In total, 81 miles of rivers were designated and include the Collawash River, Eagle Creek, East Fork Hood River, Fifteenmile Creek, Fish Creek, Middle Fork Hood River, South Fork Clackamas River, South Fork Roaring River, and Zigzag River. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act requires a Comprehensive River Management Plan for designated rivers, which outlines management direction to protect the special values of these rivers for present and future generations. Currently, we are gathering information about each river and would like public input on the first step of developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan.

We wanted to provide you with an overview of the planning process and river values because of our shared management responsibilities regarding the water quantity (free flow) and water quality, which are river values designated by the Wild and Scenic River. The attached letters provides additional details on these rivers. For this first stage of the planning process, we are requesting input on the river values of these rivers. The River Values Report can be found on the [project website](#). In addition, interactive maps and photo tours of each river corridor can be found on the [story map](#) developed as part of this planning process.

If you have any questions concerning this report or planning process, please feel free to contact myself as the team leader for this project, or Todd Reinwald. Todd, Watershed Program Manager, will be reaching out to see if we can provide any additional information on the free flow and water

quality river values, and to discuss how we can work together moving forward. You can also feel free to contact Todd at 503-668-1769 or treinwald@fs.fed.us. Thank you! –Jennie



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