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I am sending some comments in regards to Wild and Scenic Rivers.

We are incredibly privileged to still have any rivers anywhere that could be considered Wild and Scenic after all of the human made, (leaving out Native Americans) destruction from river straitening, dams, destroying estuaries, and pollution of various kinds such as oil, sewage, pesticides, garbage etc.

We are lucky to have any rivers that still have fish still living in them but some trends appear to indicate that that will not be much longer, (including the oceans) if we don't act soon to reverse our damage.

I've lived my entire life in the Northwest and again have had the privilege to swim, fish etc. in many of our remaining rivers. I say remaining because other places in this country and around the world where rivers have been overused to the point they no longer exist. Just look at the example of the Colorado River that used to flow to the ocean that now stops 100 miles short.

Don't think it could never happen here. Just in my life time I have seen many changes and many changes not for the better. I have caught 20lb + salmon on the Columbia River when we had decent runs with all of the boats around us catching fish too, not any more.

Remember that old adage by Governor Tom McCall, (you may be too young to remember): "come visit our lovely State but for heaven sake don't move here".

Well we need to bring that up again and make it our State Motto again. We don't need any more people in Oregon, the USA or the World. The true "Elephant in the room" that does not get talked about is that we as a World need to begin slowing and stopping uncontrolled population growth. All of our efforts to limit or slow down Global Warming will be for not if the human population is not controlled.

China would not be the global power it is today without their strict population limitations they put in years ago to limit only one child per couple. It would look like the disaster of India and some African countries.

Back to the Northwest: my home.

A few years ago I was talking to a State hydrologist about the Clackamas River and the various jurisdictions that pump water out of the river. She said at that time the Clackamas River was already over allocated if all of the rivers pumper were able to extract all they were allowed such as Estacada, Milwaukie, Eagle Creek, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Oregon city etc. There probably others I have missed.

I'm watching the destruction of my little town, Estacada, by massive in flow of new families. Nice folks and it is a nice place to live but if growth is not controlled it will look like Portland which most of us moved out of long ago. We already have traffic jams every day in the morning and evening with

folks going to and from here to 205, imagine!? And it is getting worse.

The State needs to start reigning in/limiting river water allocation to various cities around the State that have those rights and to not authorize any more.

Mandatory water saving and reusing methods should be also be implemented State wide and Country wide for that matter.

As a Country and a World we are going backward environmentally. If we don't make major changes soon the future for the young people of the World will not be pretty.

Sincerely,

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