

Oregon's Scenic Waterways

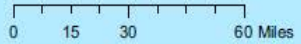
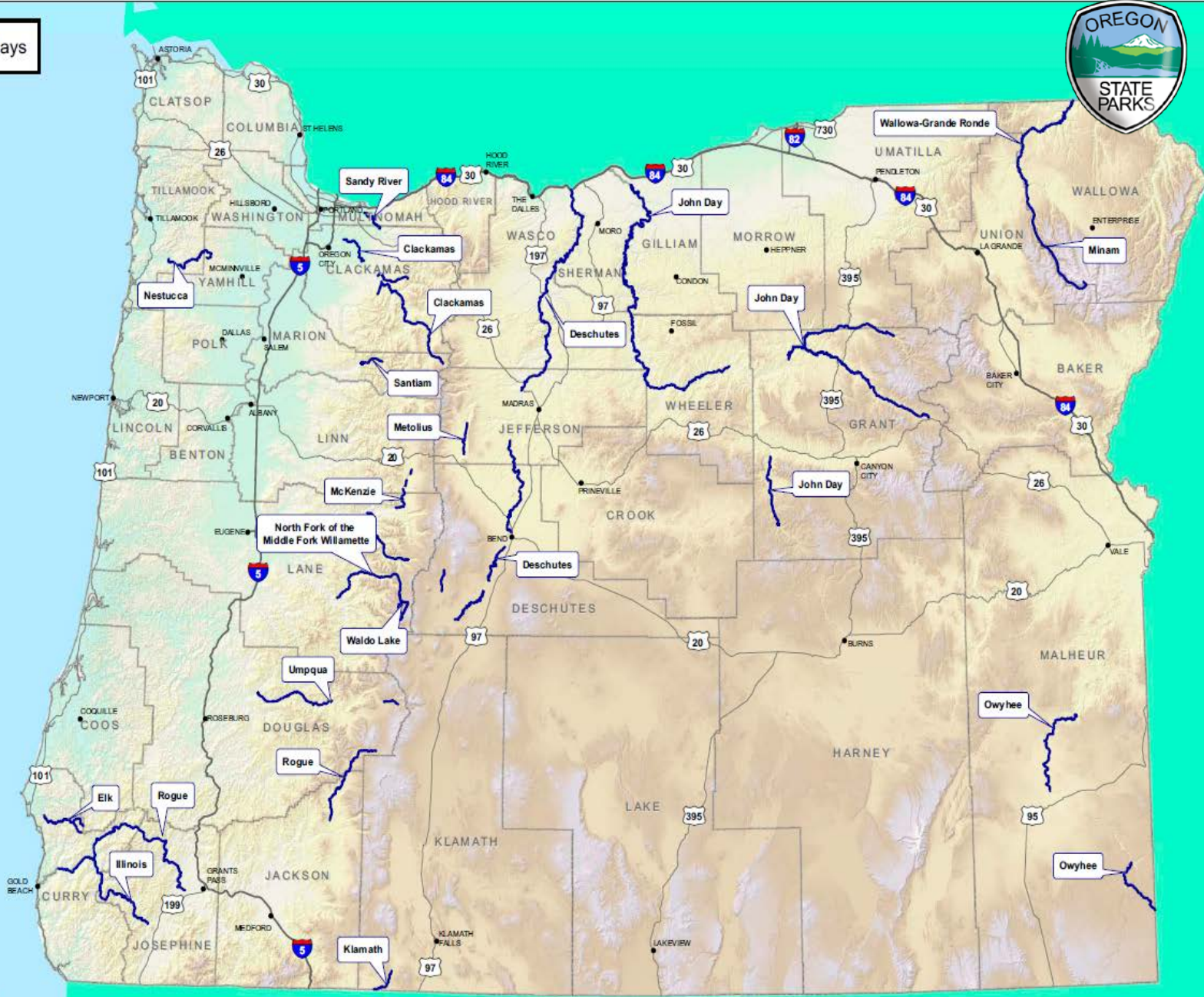
Informational Update



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Water Resources Commission Meeting
November 20, 2014
Hillsboro, Oregon

State Scenic Waterways



Outline

- **Background**
 - **Governor's direction**
 - **Public meetings**
 - **Recent change to timeline**
- **Next Steps**

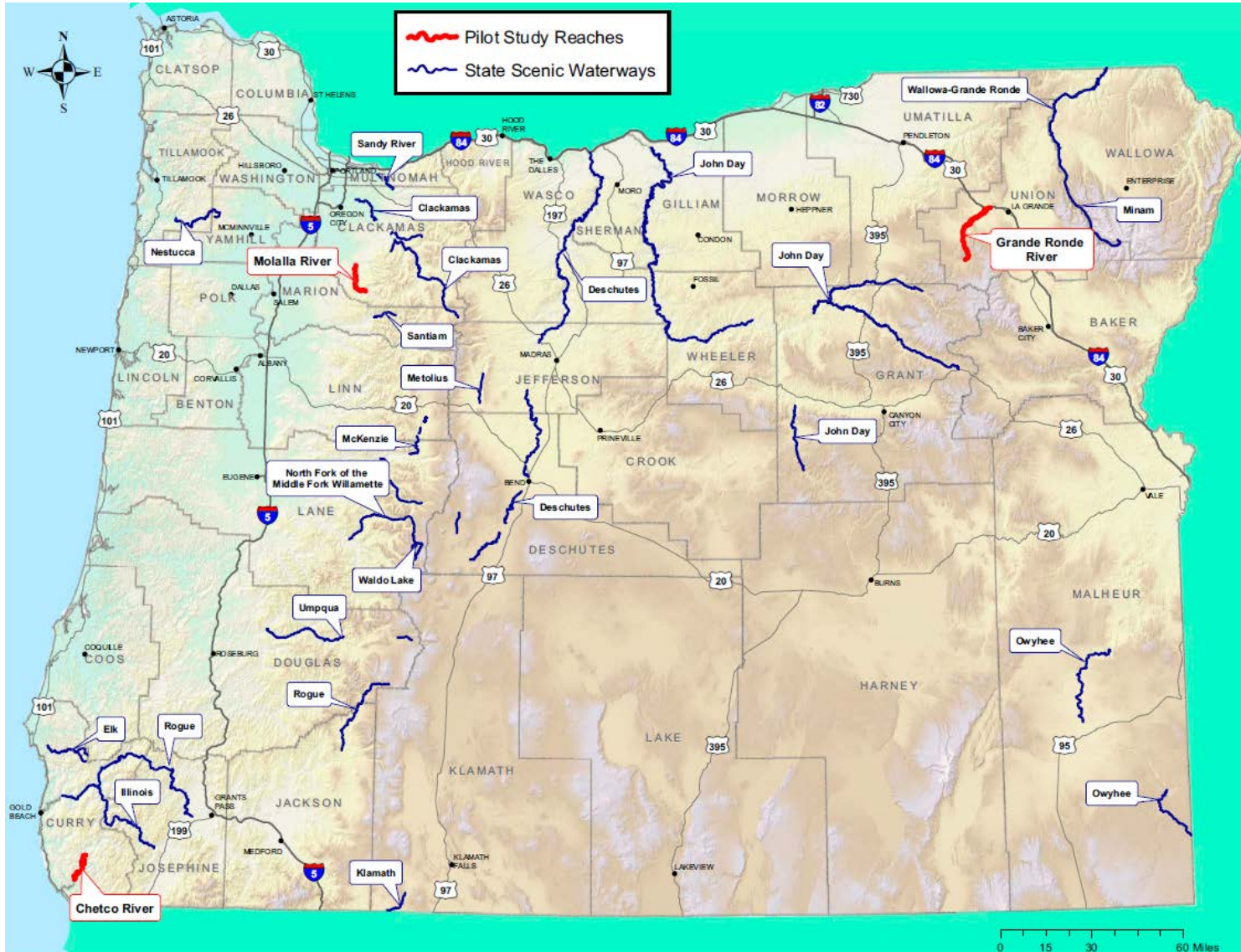


Governor's Letter

- **Directed OPRD to study and recommend 3 segments per biennium**
- **First 3 due by 12/31/2014**



Pilot Study Waterways



Public Meetings

- **Meetings held in Brookings, Molalla and LaGrande**
- **Lack of local support for Grande Ronde River suggests potential strategy change**



Schedule Change - *S l o w e r*

- **Governor's office contacted**
- **Timeline extended with more stakeholder involvement**





New Conditions for Concurrent Recommendation:

- 1. Waterway physically qualifies**
- 2. Public, stakeholders and local government supports designation**
- 3. Request from local proponents for designation with a basic management plan (in cooperation with OPRD)**

Status report: GR appears to be “off the table”



Next Steps for OWRD

- 1. Prepare water right and flow data for public review/discussion**
- 2. Work with OPRD to incorporate a SWW flow discussion into the next public meeting agendas**
- 3. Have WRD staff share information with public**
- 4. Update WRC**
- 5. If warranted, prepare recommendations for WRC late '15**

Questions?



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Eligibility study criteria* (physical qualifications)

- Free flowing
- Scene from the river is pleasing
 - Primitive or rural pastoral
- Outstanding natural or recreational values
- Large enough to sustain recreation use
- Accommodate existing uses w/out undue impairment of
 - natural values
 - quality recreation experience



SWW flow impacts to *new* permits

- See page 3 of staff report

