

Concurrence for rules on Chetco and Molalla Scenic Waterways

Oregon Water Resources Commission
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Intro and background

- **Nov. 2015, Water Resources Commission concurred with Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission recommending Governor designate portions of Chetco and Molalla Rivers as state scenic waterways.**
- **Governor designated, legislature didn't object, so became effective when legislature adjourned in 2016.**
- **Next step was development of management plan and rules.**

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- **Waterways can have any combo of 6 classifications, and this affects flow allocation:**
 - **Natural River. Pristine, 100% flow allocated.**
 - **Accessible Natural R. Few roads, 95-100% flow.**
 - **Scenic R. Little development, 90-100% flow.**
 - **Natural Scenic. 1 bank developed, 85-100% flow.**
 - **Recreational R. More developed, 80-100% flow.**
 - **River Community. Urban, 75-100% flow.**

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- **Water Resources and Oregon Parks and Rec staff used advisory groups and public comment to create management plans and rules.**
- **Chetco: Accessible Natural, Scenic River, Recreational River classifications.**
- **Molalla: Scenic River, Recreational River, River Community classifications.**

Alternatives

- 1. Concur with rules for both Chetco and Molalla.**
- 2. Concur with rules for Chetco, but not Molalla.**
- 3. Concur with rules for Molalla, but not Chetco.**
- 4. Do not concur with either.**

Recommendation

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