

Resolution #4

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

**STOP TRANSPORT OF EXTREMELY DANGEROUS RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
THROUGH COLUMBIA GORGE**

Submitted by: the Trails Club of Oregon

**BACKGROUND:** The Hanford Nuclear Reservation is on the US Dept. of Energy's list of candidate sites for a permanent nuclear waste dump. Materials are currently being transported from various locations in the United States for indefinite storage there.

If this continues, thousands of trucks carrying dangerous radioactive waste would be traveling along interstate routes, passing through our cities, and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. I-84 travels the length of the Gorge and often comes within a few feet of homes, schools, critical wildlife habitat, and the Columbia River.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to sufficiently evaluate the risks involved in transporting these waste materials to Hanford: truck accident, earthquake, intentional attack, and ambient radiation from transport vehicles. The risk of accidental discharge of radioactive waste during transport is significant, and the human health and environmental impacts of such an accident are unacceptable.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Heart of America Northwest, Columbia Riverkeeper, seventeen Oregon legislators, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, and US Senators Wyden and Merkley, as well as many individual citizens, are opposed to continued transport of this waste through Columbia Gorge.

**Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs opposes the transport of radioactive waste through the Columbia River Gorge to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.**

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