

Resolution #17
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

SUPPORT MOLALLA RIVER WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION

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Background: New legislation is proposed in the US Senate that will protect the Molalla River in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The Molalla River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2009 will protect 21 miles, and approximately 7,000 acres of riverside land, through Wild and Scenic River designation.

The Molalla River is the main drinking water source for the cities of Canby and Molalla. The river is only 50 miles from Portland, but remains a true remnant of the historical Oregon landscape, winding through cedar, hemlock, old-growth Douglas-fir forests and basalt rock canyons. The river provides cold, clean waters and habitat for wildlife and native fish. However, more and more visitors each year use the river, putting the river and its values at risk if they are not safeguarded. Also, climate change threatens the Molalla River's wild winter steelhead and spring chinook through increases in stream temperature and changes to stream flows.

Resolution: The FWOC urges member organizations to support the House and Senate versions of the Molalla River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2009.

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