Congressmen Walden and Blumenauer's Mt. Hood Legislation

WILDERNESS / WILD & SCENIC RIVERS

- This legislation strikes a balance by protecting ecological resources and biological diversity as well as a number of special places for future generations.

- This bill adds approximately 77,500 acres of Wilderness to the Mt. Hood National Forest. This is a 41% increase, the second largest increase in wilderness on the forest, and the first new wilderness in the forest in 21 years, bring the total amount of wilderness on the Mt. Hood to 263,700 acres (25% of total Forest acreage).

- The following areas are designated as wilderness (acres approximate):

  - Big Bottom Wilderness 1,149 acres
  - Bull of the Woods Wilderness Additions 4,713 acres
  - Cooper Spur Wilderness 2,035 acres
  - Gorge Ridgeline Wilderness 23,592 acres
  - Mount Hood Wilderness Additions 4,610 acres
  - Roaring River Wilderness 37,334 acres
  - Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness Additions 4,115 acres

- Wilderness is designated in accordance with the 1964 Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Act is not compromised in any way.

- The Mt. Hood region also contains a number of important rivers that provide recreational opportunities and important habitat for Bull trout, steelhead, salmon and other fish. This bill adds approximately 23 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. This is a 19% increase to Mt. Hood's Wild and Scenic Rivers network. These designations will protect the remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, and cultural values of these rivers.

- The following areas are designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers (mileage approximate):

  - Middle Fork of the Hood River 3.7 miles
  - Portions of Eagle Creek 8.3 miles
  - South Fork of the Roaring River 4.6 miles
  - Upper Reach of the ZigZag River 2.9 miles
  - South Fork of the Clackamas River 4.1 miles

- Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers designations do not include lands designated for timber production, do not intentionally incorporate private inholdings, nor deliberately conflict with infrastructure or high use recreation areas.

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