



How You Can Help

Your help is needed to ensure these unique rivers are kept intact forever! Please write to Representative Brian Baird and Senator Maria Cantwell and ask them to sponsor Wild and Scenic Rivers legislation to protect the spectacular rivers of Volcano Country.

Representative Brian Baird
Senator Maria Cantwell

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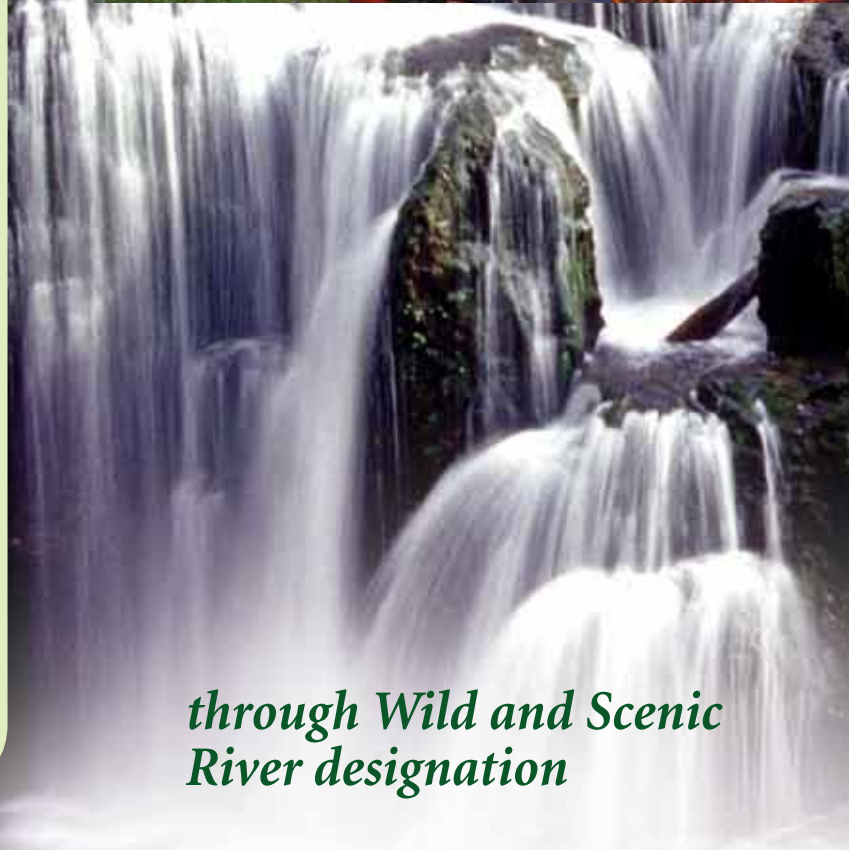
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For more information or to get involved, write info@volcanocountryrivers.org or visit www.volcanocountryrivers.org



Ensure the spectacular rivers of Volcano Country remain wild and free-flowing forever...



through Wild and Scenic River designation

Washington's legendary volcanoes – Mount St. Helens, Mount Adams, and Mount Rainier – are the source of wild, free-flowing rivers and streams that provide clean water, outstanding recreation opportunities, pristine habitat for fish and wildlife, and economic benefits to nearby communities.

Yet major portions of the most unique and treasured rivers and streams in Volcano Country like the Lewis, Green, and Cispus remain vulnerable to mining, new dams, and other threats. Higher temperatures and increased floods and droughts that come with climate change will place even greater stress on rivers and the people and wildlife that depend on them.

The time to permanently protect these rivers is now. Designation under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is the strongest protection possible for rivers, and the best way to ensure that the great rivers of Volcano Country remain wild and free-flowing forever.

“In a country where nature has been so lavish and we have been so spendthrift of indigenous beauty, to set aside a few rivers in their natural state should be considered an obligation”

—Senator Frank Church



Wild and Scenic River designation:

- Prohibits dams and other harmful water development projects
- Protects a river's free-flowing character, clean water, and outstanding values
- Protects fish and wildlife habitat
- Preserves recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing and boating
- Enhances river appreciation and protection through public education and a special river management plan

Help permanently protect over 200 miles of wild rivers



Economic Benefits

- A study by ECONorthwest demonstrated that rafting, fishing, and hiking along Oregon's Wild and Scenic Rogue River generated \$30 million and 445 jobs in 2007.
- Studies on two Wild and Scenic Rivers conducted by North Carolina State University found recreational users and home-owners are willing to pay a premium for recreation on and proximity to a Wild and Scenic River.

The Volcano Country Wild Rivers Coalition is proposing over 200 miles of rivers and streams for Wild and Scenic River designation. The majority of these rivers and streams have already been determined eligible for Wild and Scenic status by the U.S. Forest Service due to their outstanding scenery, recreation, fish and wildlife and significant cultural values. The next step – actual designation – is up to us.



Recreation Rivers like the Lewis, Cispus, and East Fork Lewis are highly popular for their spectacular scenery and outstanding hiking, camping, swimming, boating, and fishing.

Clean Water Rivers flowing from the pristine mountain landscapes of Volcano Country like the Green and Clear and Quartz Creeks on the Lewis provide a source of clean water for downstream communities.

Fish and Wildlife Rush and Pine Creeks and the Muddy River provide critical habitat for bull trout, a threatened species. Salmon, steelhead, black bear, cougar, elk, and other wildlife depend on Volcano Country rivers and the land alongside rivers for essential life activities.