

Dear Beth,

I've been informed you need to hear from some of us Oregonians who are NOT in support of Senate Bill 401.

Oregon is diverse so why put the same designation on even more waterways in our state to be "wild and scenic"? STOP SB 401!! The folks that wrote the bill don't have a clue what's on the ground for all the listed waterways covered under this bill.

Don't be ignorant and support a bill you don't have a clue about. Worse yet, this is another underhanded attempt to stop federally authorized mining and regulate private land use in Oregon.

As far as fish, there are NO steelhead and salmon living in this river. The occasional bull trout and rainbow are safe. Mining suction dredging does not suck up eggs and smolt as Oregon DEQ already regulates this with season of use restrictions to mitigate such an occurrence. Also, Forest Service and BLM laws require additional federal compliance with gold placer operations for the occasional small scale miner. Even now any existing mining claims along this river are tied up in a federal legal battle, due to over reaching regulations from too many federal and state agencies trying to run the same show.

Please be WISE enough to know what each RIVER has to offer before slating them all as "wild and scenic" thus taking additional jobs from fellow Oregonians in a continued attempt to exclude mining, timber and range management on public lands as well as controlling those same uses on private lands.

Sincerely,

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