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I'm writing in support of the proposed Outstanding Resource Waters designations for the upper watershed of the Cascade River, the upper watershed of the Green River, and the Napeequa River. These areas have provided immense value for generations, and deserve to be protected. From supporting local economies to providing valuable recreational opportunities like fishing and kayaking, these rivers are extremely important to our state's quality-of-life. I believe that future generations will greatly benefit from expanded protections for these waters and know that protecting them will only further strengthen our state. The rivers throughout the world, and in Washington are the veins of Mother Earth. Blocking or polluting the flow of her rivers creates great imbalance in her body. Humans have taken for granted that we are living on her back like fleas, feeding off her resources. We need to be good stewards in your time here in physical form. Human's egos are greatly out of balance, Thank you for your consideration.