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I urge the Washington Department of Ecology to designate the Cascade, Green, and Napeequa river systems as the states first Outstanding Resource Waters so that Washingtonians can enjoy these waters now and for generations to come.

Washingtons rivers, streams, and wetlands supply drinking water to residents across the state, sustain wildlife habitat, and provide an economic boost to local communities. As a Washingtonian, I want to see the states precious freshwater resources safeguarded.

Washingtons waters are under increasing threat as the climate warms and the population grows, placing greater stress and demand on freshwater resources. Now is the time to protect some of the states most outstanding waters and prevent degradation of stretches of rivers, streams, wetlands, and other freshwater bodies with high water quality or other unique characteristics.