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The Green River is a very unique river deserving of one of Washington's first ORW designations.

It is also a designated gene bank for winter steelhead populations, and provides excellent spawning habitat for endangered salmon. The forests along the Green River contain some of the last remaining stands of old-growth trees in the area to survive the Mount St. Helens blast. These old-growth stands supply critical habitat for old-growth dependent species, like the northern spotted owl.

Recreation opportunities along the Green River are abundant. The Green River Trail, Goat Mountain Trail, and Green River Horse Camp along this spectacular river are enjoyed by mountain bikers, hikers, horseback riders, hunters, and anglers.

The area is unique and deserves to be preserved for the above mentioned reasons.