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Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to comment on designating the Green River as an ORW. I was hiking there this month and enjoyed the clarity and obviously prime habitat and spawning grounds for wild steelhead and other anadromous species of fish. For this reason alone it should be considered to be a Wild and Scenic River.

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 eruption in 1981. These old-growth stands supply critical habitat for many old-growth dependent species.

Recreation opportunities along the Green River are abundant. We saw several mountain bikers using the trail, and evidence of horse-back riders' enjoyment as well. The Green River Trail, Goat Mountain Trail, and Green River Horse Camp along this spectacular river are also used by hikers, hunters, and fishermen and should be preserved in perpetuity for future generations to enjoy.