

Leslie Spurling

"Dear Washington Department of Ecology, Washington's 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 state's precious freshwater resources safeguarded. We must protect our wild rivers, forests, and open land as an important part of fighting pollution and climate change. Protecting rivers while returning native species like beavers is critical. Washington's 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 state's most outstanding waters and prevent degradation of stretches of rivers, streams, wetlands and other freshwater bodies with high water quality or other unique characteristics. It's a start. I urge Ecology to designate the Cascade, Green, and Napeequa river systems as the state's first Outstanding Resource Waters so that Washingtonians and our visitors can enjoy these waters now and for generations to come. Sincerely, Leslie Spurling
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