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I am writing to ask that the Cascade River be designated an Outstanding Resource Water. This river is important to the health and future of our steelhead and salmon populations. As part of a family of recreational fishermen, we have long enjoyed our local waters for sport and a food source. It's been hard to see the decline in local fish. We need to do everything we can to protect our state's waters so that both recreational and commercial fishing is restored, protected, and sustainable into the future. As a Native Plant Steward with WNPS, I also know that the health of fish habitat also ensures habitat health for ALL of our forests and local waters. River health and river protection help us mitigate the impacts of climate change on our state. I urge Ecology to act to protect the Cascade River system and designate it an Outstanding Resource Water. All of us will benefit for the years to come. Thank you for your consideration.