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Green river in Washington State all meet multiple regulatory criteria for Outstanding Resource Waters designation and is deserving of protection as Outstanding Resource Waters. This river system is pristine and located in protected areas; has both excellent water quality and regionally unique recreational value; and have statewide ecological significance.

Designation of this river system would benefit the state's people, its economy, its wildlife, and its salmon. It is essential that the state take steps now to protect some of its remaining high-quality rivers that provide numerous benefits to Washingtonians.

As impacts from climate change become increasingly more evident, protecting our high-quality rivers and streams is an essential investment for our future.

Additionally the Green river is of the utmost importance to water quality and quantity in the Puget Sound basin. Multiple government agencies, organizations, and individuals are dedicated to restoring habitat downstream and protecting remaining habitat upstream in the Middle and Upper watershed to protect this vital resource for its recreational value as well as its ecological value.