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My name is Ian, and I am a student in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences program at Bellingham Technical College. I have worked as a commercial raft guide, enjoyed many days of private boating, and volunteered with the Wild and Scenic Institute for a number of years on the Skagit River downstream of the Cascade River. I know how important the quality of water in the rivers and waterways upstream of where I spend my time is to my ability to be there, and to share what I love to do with the community around me. Water quality is also incredibly important when it comes to maintaining salmon runs, which have far greater ecological impact than most people imagine. Therefore, I would like to voice my support for the Outstanding Resource Waters designations to be applied to the Cascade River, and though I have only a little personal experience on the watersheds connected to the others up for designation, I would like to voice my support for those as well. If anybody else can benefit in the way I have from the high-quality watershed of the Skagit River, then I fully support the Outstanding Resource Water designations be applied to all the bodies of water up for consideration.