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Subject: McKenzie Wild and Scenic River Boundary Description, Region 6

To: Chief

The boundary technical correction description and maps have been completed for the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River "Lower Portion" and "Upper Portion," Willamette National Forest, Region 6. Copies of the boundary package have been provided to Randy Welsh, National Wild and Scenic Rivers Program Leader; including copies for distribution to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senators and Representative from the State of Washington.

The McKenzie River was designated in the Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-557). The boundary description for this river was transmitted to Congress on December 4, 2000. In proceedings related to the relicensing of the Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Project, the Willamette National Forest discovered a discrepancy in the boundary.

Upon receipt of a copy of your letter of transmittal to Congress, we are prepared to publish a notice of availability in the Federal Register to run concurrently with the 90-day Congressional review period. Please notify Robin Rose, of my staff, at 503-808-2449, when the transmittal to Congress has occurred.

/s/ Nora B. Rasure (for)

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Regional Forester

cc: Robin G Rose
William C Drummond
Randy Welsh



The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the Senate
United States Senate
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (82 Stat. 906 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1274), we are pleased to forward the detailed technical correction for the boundary for the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River in Oregon, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-557). The river is administered by the USDA Forest Service, Willamette National Forest.

The Willamette National Forest completed the Comprehensive River Management Plan in 1992, (*Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, McKenzie Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Environmental Assessment, January 9, 1992*). A legal boundary description was published in the Federal Register and transmitted to Congress on December 4, 2000. The final boundary location made minor adjustments to an interim boundary that had exceeded the 320 acres per river mile requirement. This boundary was determined in a public process, during the McKenzie Wild and Scenic River Management Planning process. In proceedings related to the relicensing of the Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Project, the Forest Service discovered a discrepancy in the boundary.

The technical corrections to the boundary excludes all of EWEB's special use permit area and any project works associated with the Trail Bridge Reservoir and excludes the spillway connected to Carmen Dam ("100 feet downstream from Carmen Dam") and any other associated project works..

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,

Deputy Chief, National Forest System

Cc: The Honorable Peter Defazio
The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
The Honorable Doc Hastings
The Honorable Edward J. Markey
The Honorable Ron Wyden
The Honorable Jeff Merkley