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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (62 Stat. 906 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1274), we are pleased to forward the detailed boundary for the North Fork Smith and Upper Rogue Rivers in Oregon, both added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by Public Law 100-557, October 28, 1988. These boundaries will not become effective until 90 days from the date of this letter.

These boundary descriptions are the result of extensive public involvement during preparation of the river management plan for each river (*Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Wild and Scenic Upper Rogue River Environmental Assessment, December 12, 1993*; and *Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, North Fork Smith Wild and Scenic River Management Plan Environmental Assessment, February 2, 2000*).

The boundary description for the Upper Rogue Wild and Scenic River reflects the recommendation in the decision notice to establish a more accurate location between the lower terminus of the wild segment and the upper terminus of the lowermost scenic segment. This more accurate description does not change the mileage of the designated river or Congressional intent. It corrects an error that occurred when information was provided to Congress during preparation of Public Law 100-557. The lower terminus for the wild classification was described as the confluence between the Rogue River and Minnehaha Creek. It should have been described as 0.1 mile above the Forest Road 6530 bridge crossing the Rogue River. This correction puts the bridge and road in the scenic classification, and keeps the wild classification consistent with the intent of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act definition of wild segments as generally inaccessible except by trail.

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,


JOEL D. HOLTROP

Deputy Chief, National Forest System



Enclosures

Cc:

Honorable Ron Wyden

Honorable Jeff Merkley

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