

Stop the Attack on California's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for almost 1 in every 5 Californians. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including 7.3 million Californians.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 46% of California's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

California's Iconic Lower Salmon River - BLM



- **19% of Californians – nearly 1 out of 5 residents -** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
 - **18,592 miles of streams** that feed into California's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 57% of the stream miles in California's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
 - **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution,

and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and California's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$7.5 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in California, including \$2.3 billion on fishing alone, and more than 7.8 million people participated in these recreational activities in California.
- **California's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small California breweries contribute almost \$4.5 billion to our economy every year and support more than 44,000 jobs.

California Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 80,000 Californians, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support for the rule.**
- Nearly 100 conservation, environmental, faith-based and farm organizations, representing millions of Californians.
- CA Water Resources Control Board and 17 CA state legislators. CA also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration effort to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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