

Stop the Attack on Oregon'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 nearly half of all Oregonians. **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 almost 1.8 million Oregonians.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 53% of Oregon's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction caused by 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.

OR's iconic Umpqua River



- **45% of Oregonians – nearly 1 out of 2 residents** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **9,134 miles of streams** that feed into Oregon's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 57% of the stream miles in OR'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 Oregon's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$2.7 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Oregon, including \$641 million on fishing alone, and more than 1.8 million people participated in these recreational activities.
- **Oregon's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Oregon breweries contribute almost \$1.3 billion to our economy every year and support more than 14,000 jobs.

Oregon Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 40,000 Oregonians, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support for the rule.**
- Multiple watershed and conservation groups representing thousands of Oregonians.
- The City of Portland.
- Oregon joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.