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H. R. 2397

To designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2003

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. DICKS, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Upper White Salmon
5 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic
9 Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544 et seq.) directed the Sec-
10 retary of Agriculture to study the Upper White

1 Salmon River for possible designation as a compo-
2 nent of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

3 (2) The study, conducted by the Forest Service,
4 included extensive public involvement by a broadly
5 inclusive task force.

6 (3) The study determined that the Upper White
7 Salmon River and its tributary, Cascade Creek, are
8 eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic
9 Rivers System based on their free-flowing condition
10 and outstandingly remarkable scenic, hydrologic,
11 geologic, and wildlife values.

12 **SEC. 3. UPPER WHITE SALMON WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.**

13 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new
15 paragraph at the end:

16 “() WHITE SALMON RIVER, WASHINGTON.—

17 “(A) DESIGNATION.—Segments of the main
18 stem and Cascade Creek, totaling 20 miles, to be ad-
19 ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(i) 1.6 MILE SEGMENT.—The 1.6-mile
22 segment of the main stem of the White Salmon
23 River from the headwaters on Mount Adams in
24 Sec. 17, T. 8 N., R. 10 E., downstream to the

1 Mount Adams wilderness boundary shall be ad-
2 ministered as a wild river.

3 “(ii) 5.1-MILE SEGMENT.—The 5.1-mile
4 segment of Cascade Creek from its headwaters
5 on Mount Adams in Sec. 10, T. 8 N., R. 10 E.
6 downstream to the Mount Adams Wilderness
7 boundary shall be administered as a wild river.

8 “(iii) 1.5-MILE SEGMENT.—The 1.5-mile
9 segment of Cascade Creek from the Mount
10 Adams Wilderness boundary downstream to its
11 confluence with the White Salmon River shall
12 be administered as a scenic river.

13 “(iv) 11.8-MILE SEGMENT.—The 11.8-mile
14 segment of the main stem of the White Salmon
15 River from the Mount Adams Wilderness
16 boundary downstream to the Gifford Pinchot
17 National Forest boundary shall be administered
18 as a scenic river.”.

19 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL SECTIONS.**

20 Nothing in this Act, or any amendment made by this
21 Act, shall limit the suitability of the 18.4-mile segment
22 from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest boundary to the
23 confluence with Gilmer Creek for designation as a wild
24 and scenic river under section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic
25 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)).

1 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT.**

2 The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop and ad-
3 minister the comprehensive management plan required by
4 section 3(d)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
5 U.S.C. 1274(d)(1)) for the designated sections of the
6 Upper White Salmon River in general accordance with
7 that portion of the preferred alternative of the Forest
8 Service Wild and Scenic River Study Report and Final
9 Legislative Environmental Impact Statement for the
10 Upper White Salmon River dated July 7, 1997, addressing
11 only the designated sections.

12 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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