

they may have wanted to link them up. The Klickitat Land Preservation Fund conveyed this property to the Forest Service and public ownership.

Had it not been for our interventions, the Forest Service would have acquired less than 30 acres of property along the White Salmon Wild and Scenic corridor, instead of the almost 150 acres they can now claim. The 240 acres owned by Weyerhaeuser, which we are asking the Forest Service to acquire, would bring the total acreage under public ownership up to 390 acres. This is still nothing to brag about on a river corridor of 1,800 acres.

Boundary reductions and failure to implement the management plans through acquisitions for these rivers are not the only areas of neglect and mismanagement the Forest Service has engaged in.

When Congress designated the White Salmon and Klickitat Rivers Wild and Scenic, they only designated portions of those rivers, while other portions were ignored or designated "Study" sections for possible future inclusion in the Wild and Scenic system. The Forest Service designated the upper section of the White Salmon River, but that was easy as the land was already in public Forest Service ownership. Against the wishes of the Forest Service, its own Task Force unanimously recommended that the middle section of this river be designated, mostly because no one wanted any more hydroelectric proposals on this section of the river. The Forest Service passed this recommendation on to the Department of Agriculture and they recommended inclusion, but withheld their recommendation until Democrats lost control of Congress during the Clinton administration. THIS FOREST SERVICE AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF THE WHITE SALMON RIVER INTO THE WILD AND SCENIC SYSTEM STILL LINGERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. CONGRESS NEEDS TO DESIGNATE THIS SECTION WILD AND SCENIC BEFORE DEVELOPMENT, LOGGING AND DAMS CAN DEGRADE IT.

Congress designated the lower section Wild and Scenic, and later designated the upper section of the river. A short section of the lower river to its mouth was not included due to the Condit Dam. We intervened for dam removal, and in 2011 the dam was removed and anadromous fish and rafters now pass freely. Eight years have gone by and it is as if the Forest Service was unaware of dam removal. Now PacifiCorp is moving to sell their property along this section of the river, and THE FOREST SERVICE NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION TO BRING THIS SECTION OF THE RIVER INTO THE WILD AND SCENIC SYSTEM, AND THEY SHOULD APPROACH PACIFICORP AND ASK THEM TO HOLD ONTO THEIR PROPERTY UNTIL IT CAN COME INTO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Only the lower section of the Klickitat River was designated Wild and Scenic, the middle section was ignored, and the upper reaches received "Study" status. The upper two thirds