

of this river probably went undesignated because of big timber company property ownership, but Longview Fiber has left the area and Weyerhaeuser is leaving, and the residential developers are moving in to the middle section. Like the White Salmon River, THE ENTIRE KLICKITAT RIVER UP TO TRIBAL LAND DESERVES TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. The upper section to the Yakama Nation border is accessed by raft and kayak and is blessed with spectacularly beautiful basalt cliffs and bluffs. Hydroelectric developers would find this upper section of the Klickitat River a very desirable location for dams due to the high cliffs on both sides of the river.

In 33 years the Forest Service has only made one acquisition that was within the Klickitat Wild and Scenic River boundaries (and outside of the National Scenic Area boundaries). The owner of the property, Mr. Amery, punched a road up the oak parks hillside with a caterpillar, with the intention of selling 20 acre lots for development on his 200 acre property on the east side of the Klickitat Wild and Scenic River. This development, if allowed to proceed, would have badly marred the beauty of this part of the canyon. The Forest Service was unaware of this activity until we told them about it. When it became apparent they would play their usual ineffective part, we invited former US Senator Slade Gorton (R), Klickitat County Commissioner Joan Fry, NSA Manager Art Carroll, and *The Enterprise* newspaper reporter on a tour, so we could all see this disaster unfolding. Senator Gorton's aid Kathy Tredwell came in the Senator's stead, and told Art Carroll Congress would be appropriating the money to acquire this property, and he needed to bring the balance of the property into the boundary. This was done. Once again, we had to go around the Forest Service to acquire a property in crisis because they were unwilling to take decisive action.

Congress also expressed in the Columbia Gorge NSA legislation (Section 13), interest in the other tributaries, especially the Wind River, the Hood River and the Little White Salmon River. A report was supposed to be submitted "on the suitability or nonsuitability for addition to the national wild and scenic river system . . ." We are very familiar with these rivers, and they definitely should be included in the Wild and Scenic River system. Were any studies done by the Forest Service? Under Forest Service Administration, these rivers still languish undesignated after 33 years.

The Forest Service has never done a Ten Year Review of their management of the White Salmon and Klickitat Wild and Scenic Rivers. Twenty two years is a long time to wait for the first Ten Year Review, and we are out of patience. We believe Reviews were put on hold because of what they would reveal: GROSS MISMANAGEMENT.

#### THE POLITICS OF RIVER MISMANAGEMENT, AND HOW TO STOP IT:

It is with great trepidation that we broach this topic. However, it is necessary if we are to get at the cause of the problems with our Wild and Scenic Rivers. The fact is, the Wild and Scenic River section of the Gorge Legislation was a surprise to the timber industry,