



City of Crescent City
Where the Redwoods Meet the Sea

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Oregon State Director
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon State Office
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208-2965

Re: City of Crescent City public comment supporting proposed mineral withdrawal

To Whom it May Concern:

The City is opposed to any activities that could be detrimental to the water quality of the Smith River. The Smith River is the community's water source and provides high quality drinking water for 14,000 plus residents, as well as thousands of visitors year-round. In addition to providing drinking water to the City's municipal water users, the Smith River also offers a multitude of recreational activities including kayaking, rafting, swimming, and fishing. The Smith River and its tributaries are the spawning grounds and habitat for a world-class fishery (salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout). These recreational and fishing opportunities are not only enjoyed and valued by local residents, they are also an important feature of the region's tourist industry. As such, the City is opposed to any activities that could be detrimental to the water quality of the Smith River.

If you have any questions you can contact Eugene Palazzo, City Manager at 707-464-7483 ext. 232 or by email at epalazzo@cityofcrescentcity.org.

Sincerely,

Ron Gastineau, Mayor
City of Crescent City