



City of Cave Junction • Home of the Oregon Caves

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To Governor Kate Brown, Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and Congressman Peter Defazio;

As City Councilors of the City of Cave Junction, we support the Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015 (HR 682 in the House of Representatives and S346 in the Senate). We also support the proposed five year mineral withdrawal that will assist this important legislation protecting the National Wild and Scenic North Fork of the Smith River and the headwaters of Hunter Creek and the Pistol River—all prized for their salmon and steelhead runs. This will also protect after over twenty years of tireless efforts by many stakeholder groups the W. Fork of the Illinois River, Rough and Ready Creek area here in southern Josephine County. This is a botanical hotspot, with the highest concentration of rare plants and a source for clean water to our community. Preserving our watershed and nationally outstanding water quality in our region's rivers and streams protects the citizens of Cave Junction and our rural communities.

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