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These rules are specific to the South Fork McKenzie Scenic Waterway. Other administrative rules apply to all state scenic waterways. For the complete set of regulations, please go to:
<http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/RULES/waterways.shtml>

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 736-040-0044

Interim Classification of State Scenic Waterways

Those segments of rivers under the scenic waterways program without a management plan will be assigned an interim river classification until such time a river management plan has been adopted by the State Parks and Recreation Commission with the concurrence of the Water Resources Board. Only one interim river classification will be assigned to each scenic waterway as indicated in the following list:

River -- Classification

(4) McKenzie River:

- (a) South Fork, that segment from the Three Sisters Wilderness boundary to Cougar Reservoir (16.5 miles) -- Scenic;
- (b) South Fork, that segment from Cougar Dam to mainstem (4.5 miles) -- Recreational.

OAR 736-040-0040

Classification of Scenic Waterways and Segments Thereof

(1) OAR 736-040-0040 through 736-040-0075 supplement, but in no way alter, other provisions of these rules and regulations. Notification procedures set forth in OAR 736-040-0030, 736-040-0035 and 736-040-0080, relating to Land Management, are applicable to these rules. In order to establish varying intensities of protection or development based on special attributes of each area within the scenic waterways, the following classifications are established:

(b) Scenic River Areas:

(A) Those designated scenic waterways or segments thereof with related adjacent lands and shorelines still largely primitive and largely undeveloped, except for agriculture and grazing, but accessible in places by roads. Scenic River Areas may not include long stretches of conspicuous or well-traveled roads paralleling the river in close proximity, but may include extensive areas in agricultural use;

(B) Scenic Areas will be administered to maintain or enhance their high scenic quality, recreational value, fishery and wildlife habitat, while preserving their largely undeveloped character and allowing continuing agricultural uses.

(c) Recreational River Areas:

(A) Those designated scenic waterways or segments thereof that are readily accessible by road or railroad, that may have some development along their shorelines and related adjacent lands, and that may have undergone some impoundment or diversion in the past;

(B) Recreational River Areas will be administered to allow continuance of compatible existing uses, while allowing a wide range of compatible river-oriented public outdoor recreation opportunities, to the extent that these do not impair substantially the natural beauty of the scenic waterway or diminish its esthetic, fish and wildlife, scientific and recreational values.