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Kate Brown, Governor

## Water Resources Department

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The Honorable Kate Brown  
254 State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Brown,

I am pleased to inform you that on November 20th, 2015, the Oregon Water Resources Commission voted unanimously to concur with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to designate portions of the Chetco and Molalla Rivers as State Scenic Waterways.

In addition to concurrence, the Water Resources Commission also unanimously approved Scenic Waterway Flows to protect annually instream more than one million acre-feet of water for the Chetco River and 0.3 million acre-feet of water for the Molalla River. These instream flows offer protection of the recreation, fish, and wildlife needs of the proposed waterways and will be implemented if you designate the Chetco and Molalla Rivers as Scenic Waterways.

This work is consistent with the Department's mission to protect in-stream and out-of-stream uses, and also implements Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy Action 11b, regarding the development of additional instream protections.

If you should have any questions regarding the setting of Scenic Waterway Flows, please contact me at 503-986-0910 or by email at [Thomas.M.Byler@ wrd.state.or.us](mailto:Thomas.M.Byler@ wrd.state.or.us).

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Byler  
Director

c: John Roberts, Chair, Oregon Water Resources Commission  
Lisa Sumption, Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

