

## Wild and Scenic River Suitability Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon

### **Background:**

During previous planning efforts, the BLM found 51 river segments eligible for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic River (WSR) system. These segments are currently managed to protect the river's WSR values until the BLM evaluates their suitability during land use planning.

As part of this current Resource Management Plan (RMP), the BLM studied these 51 eligible segments for suitability. The BLM identified six segments meeting the suitability criteria for recommendation for inclusion in the National WSR System.



### **Key Points:**

The BLM analyzed the effect that each alternative and the Proposed RMP would have on each eligible river segment. This was assessed by considering the extent to which each alternative and the Proposed RMP protects four components: the outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs), tentative classification, free flowing characteristics, and water quality.

- The 13 river segments found suitable for recommendation for inclusion into the National WSR System through the previous western Oregon RMPs (1995) would be recommended to Congress for inclusion into the National WSR System under all alternatives and the Proposed RMP.
- Under Alternatives B and C, and the Proposed RMP, the BLM would recommend for inclusion into the National WSR System the 6 WSR segments found suitable during 2015 suitability studies, resulting in protection for those segments. There are 43 eligible river segments that the BLM did not find suitable; these segments would not continue to receive protections, which could result in effects to their associated river values.

The Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon will determine how the BLM-administered lands in western Oregon will be managed to produce a sustained yield of timber products, to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide for clean water, to restore fire-adapted ecosystems, , to provide for recreation opportunities, and to coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

For more information, please visit the BLM's Resource Management Plans of western Oregon website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/index.php>.