

Lobster Creek Wild & Scenic River

River Values Assessment

What is a Wild & Scenic River?

Congress passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968, establishing the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to preserve free-flowing rivers for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Wild and Scenic Rivers are selected for their outstandingly remarkable values. Values can be either tangible or intangible, including scenery, recreation, geology, fish and wildlife, history, cultural, and similar resources.

When was Lobster Creek Designated?

Lobster Creek was designated as a Wild and Scenic River in 2019 with the signing of the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. The designation includes five river miles and the river's immediate environment, which consists of a ¼ mile buffer zone or approximately 1,673-acres of interim corridor.

Opportunities to Explore Lobster Creek

Lobster Creek flows through the wooded mountains of Oregon's Cost Range into the Alsea River. It is located within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Marys Peal Field Office. Dispersed recreation can be accessed southwest of the town of Alsea along Lobster Creek Rd.



Steps to Develop the Comprehensive Management Plan

River Values Assessment*

Draft CRMP and Proposed Action*

Draft CRMP & Draft Environmental Assessment*

Final CRMP & Final Environmental Assessment

Decision & Adoption of Final CRMP

Implementation of the CRMP

* indicates open public comment periods

What Is the First Step?

The first step after designation is to reach out to tribes, scientists and other government agencies to conduct an evaluation of the resources and values of the river. Then to use this information to development of the River Values Assessment which will be available for public comment. The assessment will then be used as the starting point for developing the Lobster Creek Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP). The CRMP will then be used as the guiding document intended to provide long-term guidance for managing outstandingly remarkable values among the designated river segments.



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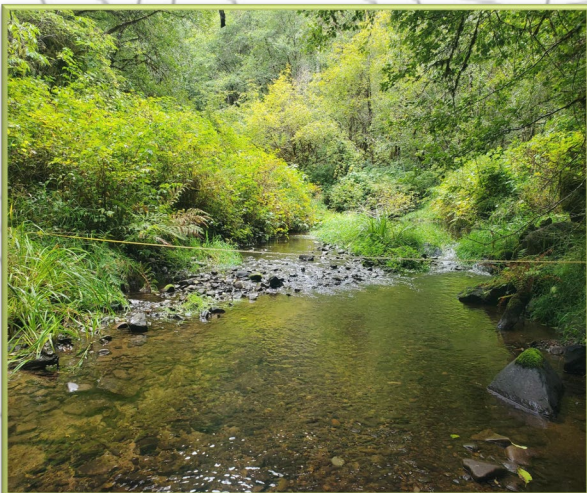


Scoping Period Goals

Lobster Creek is a hub of scientific research and we're excited to plan for the management of this unique resource! The goals for developing this CRMP are to understand current conditions so we can develop a plan to protect and enhance the river's Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs), ensure the future free-flowing condition and water quality, determine the capacity for recreation use, inform future management decisions and to define the Wild and Scenic River corridor boundaries. Your comments are important to achieve those goals! Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project, available for public inspection, and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Questions To Determine River Values:

- Is the value river related, meaning is it located in the river or on its shorelands (within ¼ mile on either side of the river)?
- Does the value contribute to the function of the ecosystem?
- Does the value owe its location or existence to the river?
- Does the value description clearly articulate an aspect of the river's national significance and importance to the public?
- Are there additional river-related natural, cultural, and recreational resources that are rare, unique, or exemplary within this river corridor?
- What observations or concerns do you have about the current conditions within the river corridor that may be impacted?



How to Submit Comments Through Eplanning:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2024711/510>

By Email:

blm_or_no_publiccomments_nepa@blm.gov

By Mail or In-Person Drop Off:

Marys Peak Field Office
1717 Fabry Rd SE
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Comments will be most helpful before June 30th, 2023.