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S. 1614

To designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Upper White Salmon
5 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic
9 Area Act (16 U.S.C. 544 et seq.) directed the Sec-
10 retary of Agriculture to study the Upper White

1 Salmon River for possible designation as a compo-
 2 nent of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

3 (2) The study, conducted by the Forest Service,
 4 included extensive public involvement by a broadly
 5 inclusive task force.

6 (3) The study determined that the Upper White
 7 Salmon River and its tributary, Cascade Creek, are
 8 eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic
 9 Rivers System based on their free-flowing condition
 10 and outstandingly remarkable scenic, hydrologic,
 11 geologic, and wildlife values.

12 **SEC. 3. UPPER WHITE SALMON WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.**

13 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
 14 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new
 15 paragraph at the end:

16 “() WHITE SALMON RIVER, WASHINGTON.—

17 “(A) DESIGNATION.—Segments of the
 18 main stem and Cascade Creek, totaling 20
 19 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of
 20 Agriculture as follows:

21 “(i) 1.6-MILE SEGMENT.—The 1.6-
 22 mile segment of the main stem of the
 23 White Salmon River from the headwaters
 24 on Mount Adams in Sec. 17, T. 8 N., R.
 25 10 E., downstream to the Mount Adams

1 wilderness boundary shall be administered
2 as a wild river.

3 “(ii) 5.1-MILE SEGMENT.—The 5.1-
4 mile segment of Cascade Creek from its
5 headwaters on Mount Adams in Sec. 10,
6 T. 8 N., R. 10 E. downstream to the
7 Mount Adams Wilderness boundary shall
8 be administered as a wild river.

9 “(iii) 1.5-MILE SEGMENT.—The 1.5-
10 mile segment of Cascade Creek from the
11 Mount Adams Wilderness boundary down-
12 stream to its confluence with the White
13 Salmon River shall be administered as a
14 scenic river.

15 “(iv) 11.8-MILE SEGMENT.—The
16 11.8-mile segment of the main stem of the
17 White Salmon River from the Mount
18 Adams Wilderness boundary downstream
19 to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest
20 boundary shall be administered as a scenic
21 river.”.

22 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL SECTIONS.**

23 Nothing in this Act, or any amendment made by this
24 Act, shall limit the suitability of the 18.4-mile segment
25 from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest boundary to the

1 confluence with Gilmer Creek for designation as a wild
2 and scenic river under section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic
3 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)).

4 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT.**

5 The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop and ad-
6 minister the comprehensive management plan required by
7 section 3(d)(1) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1274(d)(1)) for the designated sections of the
9 Upper White Salmon River in general accordance with
10 that portion of the preferred alternative of the Forest
11 Service Wild and Scenic River Study Report and Final
12 Legislative Environmental Impact Statement for the
13 Upper White Salmon River dated July 7, 1997, addressing
14 only the designated sections.

15 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
17 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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