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State Scenic Waterway

*Chetco River Draft Management Plan
Advisory Committee*

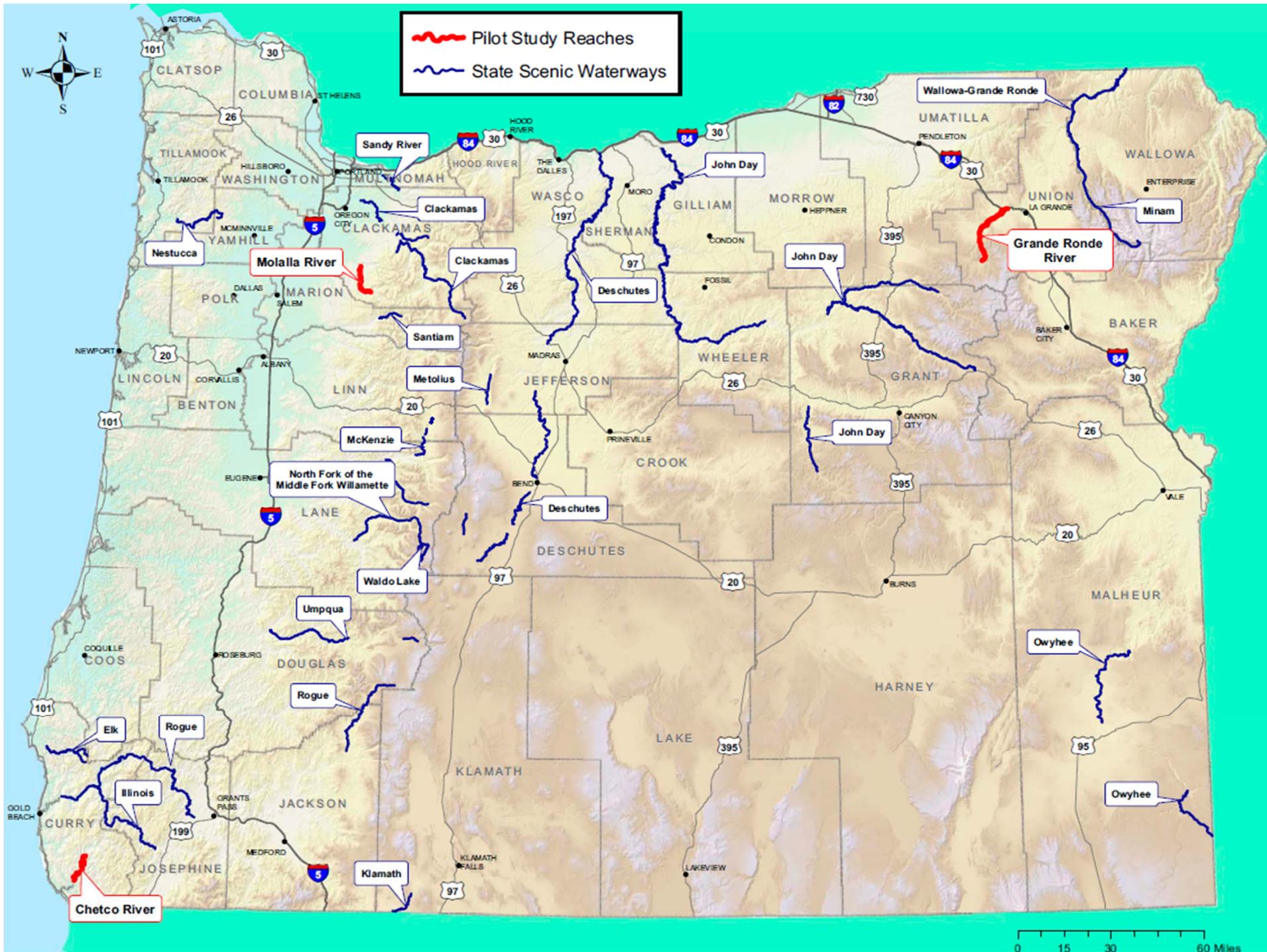
***Oregon Parks and Recreation and Water Resources Department
June 9, 2015 – Meeting #2
Harbor, Oregon***



Outline

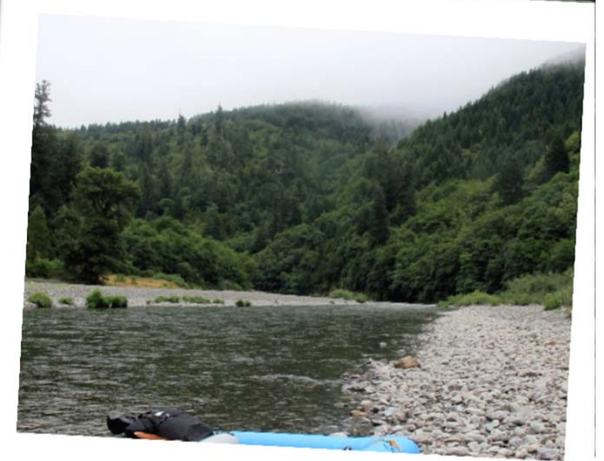
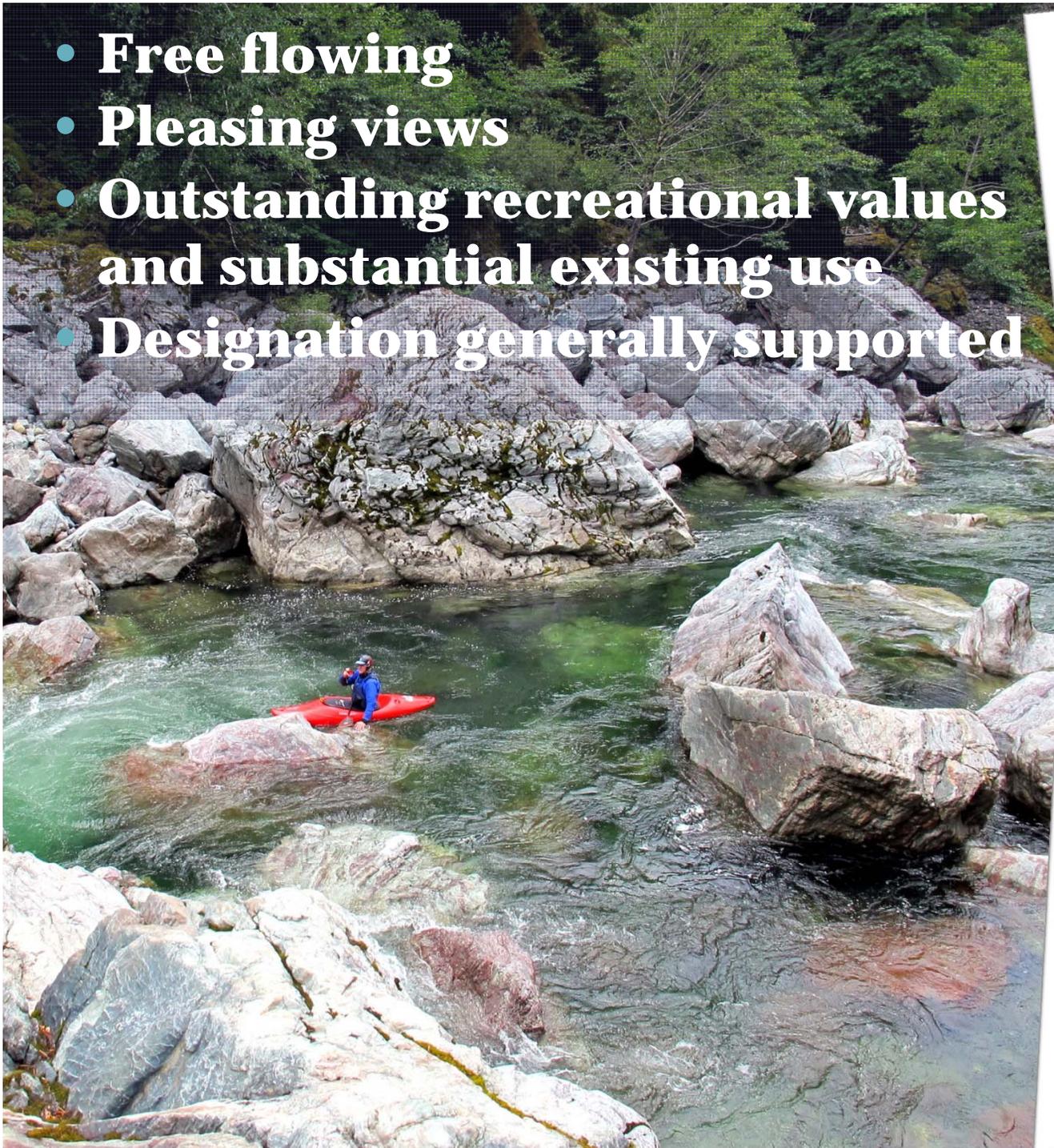
- Introductions
- Summary
 - Program Overview
 - Pilot Project
- Flow
 - Proposed method for setting Scenic Flows
- Draft Rules
 - Proposed Rules by Section
- Management Issues
 - Proposed Items
- Next Steps
 - Draft – Draft Management Plan
 - Public Meeting

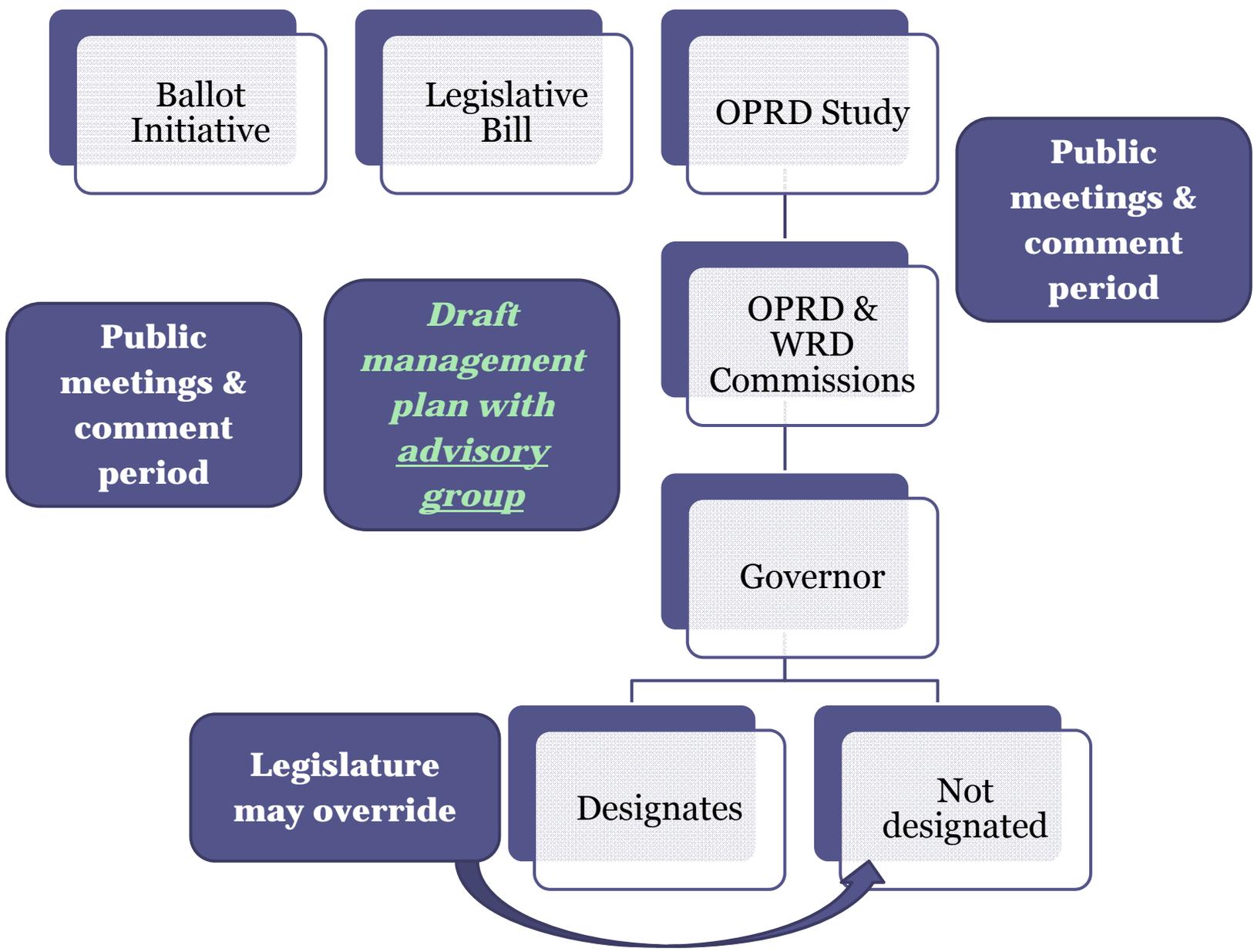




0 15 30 60 Miles

- **Free flowing**
- **Pleasing views**
- **Outstanding recreational values and substantial existing use**
- **Designation generally supported**





Role of OPRD: Program

- Manage Program
 - Facilitate Study Approach
 - Review Future Development
 - Review Timber Harvests
 - Per Forest Practices Act



<http://tinyurl.com/scenicwaterwaysreview>

Role of OWRD: Scenic Waterway Flows

New allocations cannot interfere with scenic needs *OAR 690-410-0700(2)(g)*





Making a Draft Management Plan

- Re-engaging with the community to develop a management plan
 - Address previously identified issues and concerns
 - Accommodate existing uses along the waterway
 - Encourage the protection of natural, scenic, and recreational values associated with the river
 - Recommend method for setting Scenic Waterway Flows



Setting Scenic Waterway Flows

Scenic Waterway Advisory Group-Chetco River; Meeting #2

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June 9th, 2015

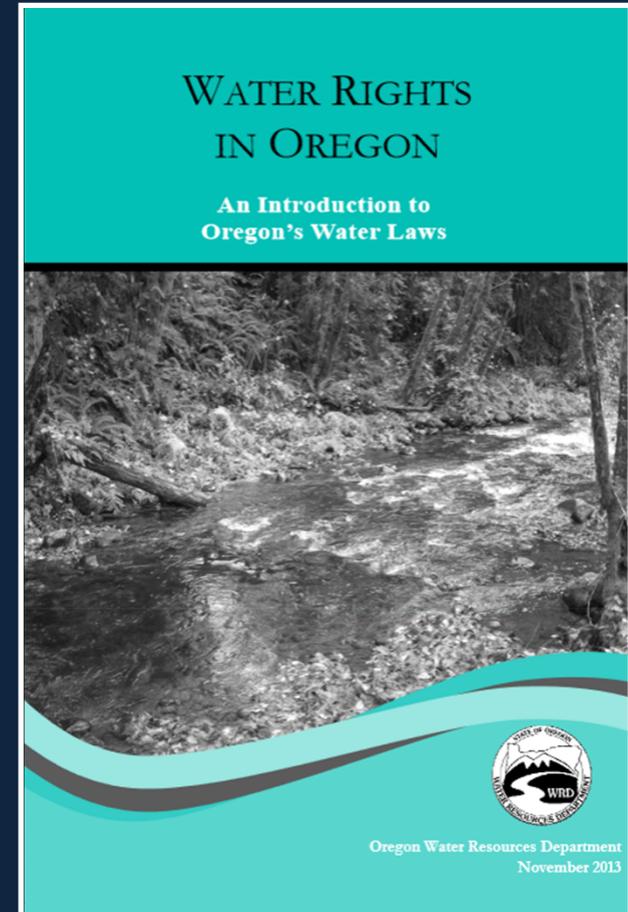
Overview: Scenic Flow Recommendation

- **What is a Scenic Flow again?**
- **Components of Recommendation**
- **Advisory Group Tools for input**



What is a Scenic Flow?

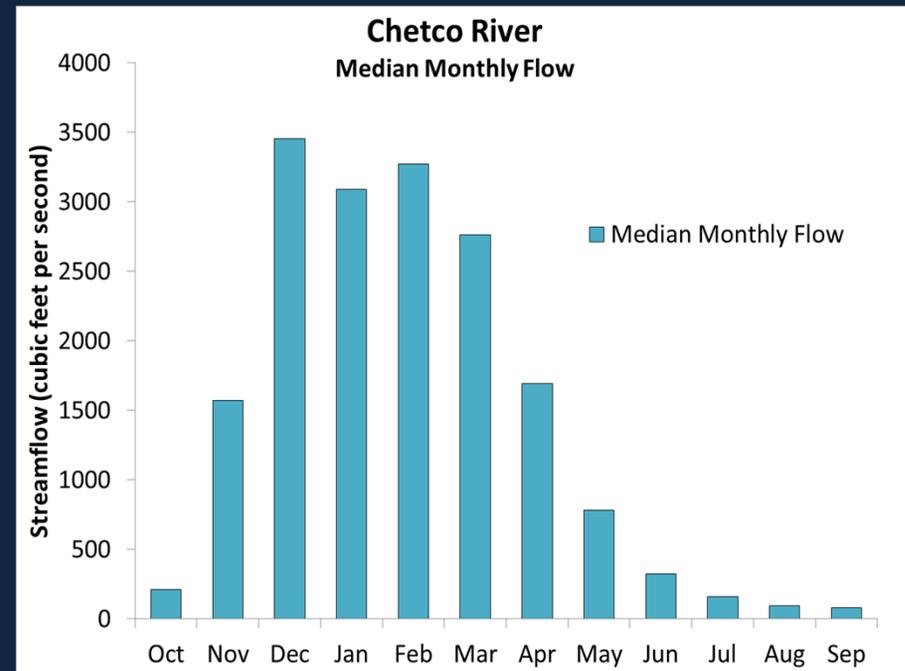
- Flows necessary for recreation, fish, and wildlife uses
- WRD Allocation Process
 - New allocations cannot interfere with scenic needs
OAR 690-410-0700(2)(g)
 - Key step: inventory water
 - Water Availability calculation includes Scenic Flows



<http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/PUBS/docs/aquabook2013.pdf>

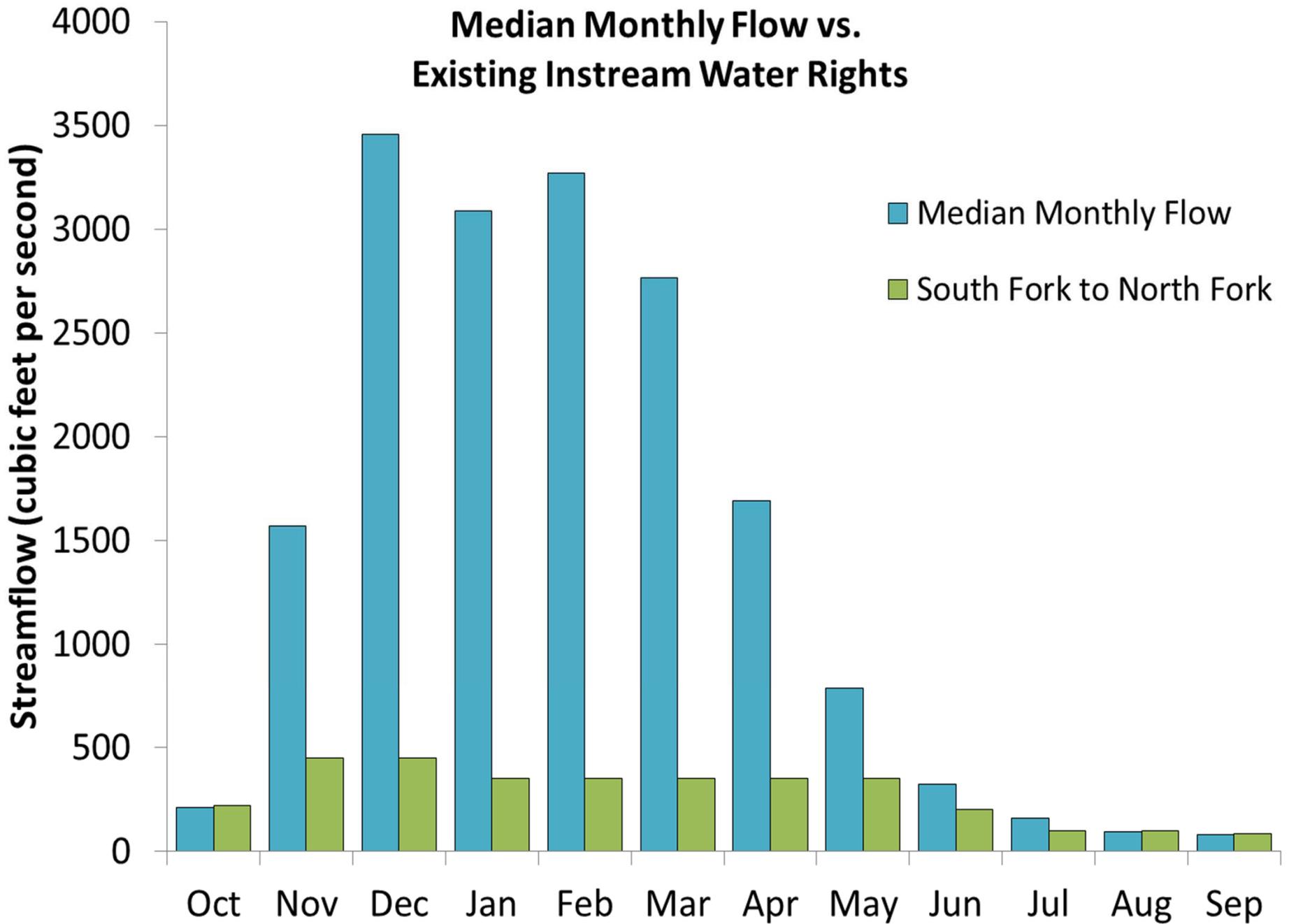
Components of Recommendation

- **Water Availability assessment**
 - Median flow (50% of time)
 - Existing ISWRs
 - Downstream uses
- **Advisory Group inputs**
 - Scenic Flow Framework
 - Suggested permit and other conditions
 - Public Meeting input



Chetco River

Median Monthly Flow vs. Existing Instream Water Rights



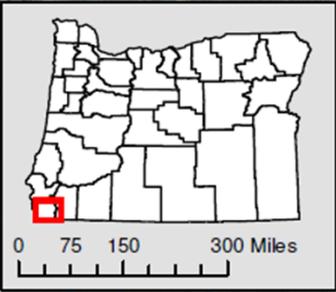


For water to be available at any given upstream point, it must be available at all points of calculation downstream.

Proposed Chetco Scenic Waterway and Existing Water Rights Throughout Basin

Legend

- Chetco Scenic WW
- Other towns/cities
- Salem
- Recreation
- Fish
- Instream
- Agriculture
- Livestock
- Irrigation
- Mining
- Power
- Commercial
- Domestic
- Municipal
- Stream



Brookings

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OWRD Hydrographics (rml), 4/17/2015
Oregon Lambert Projection, NAD 83

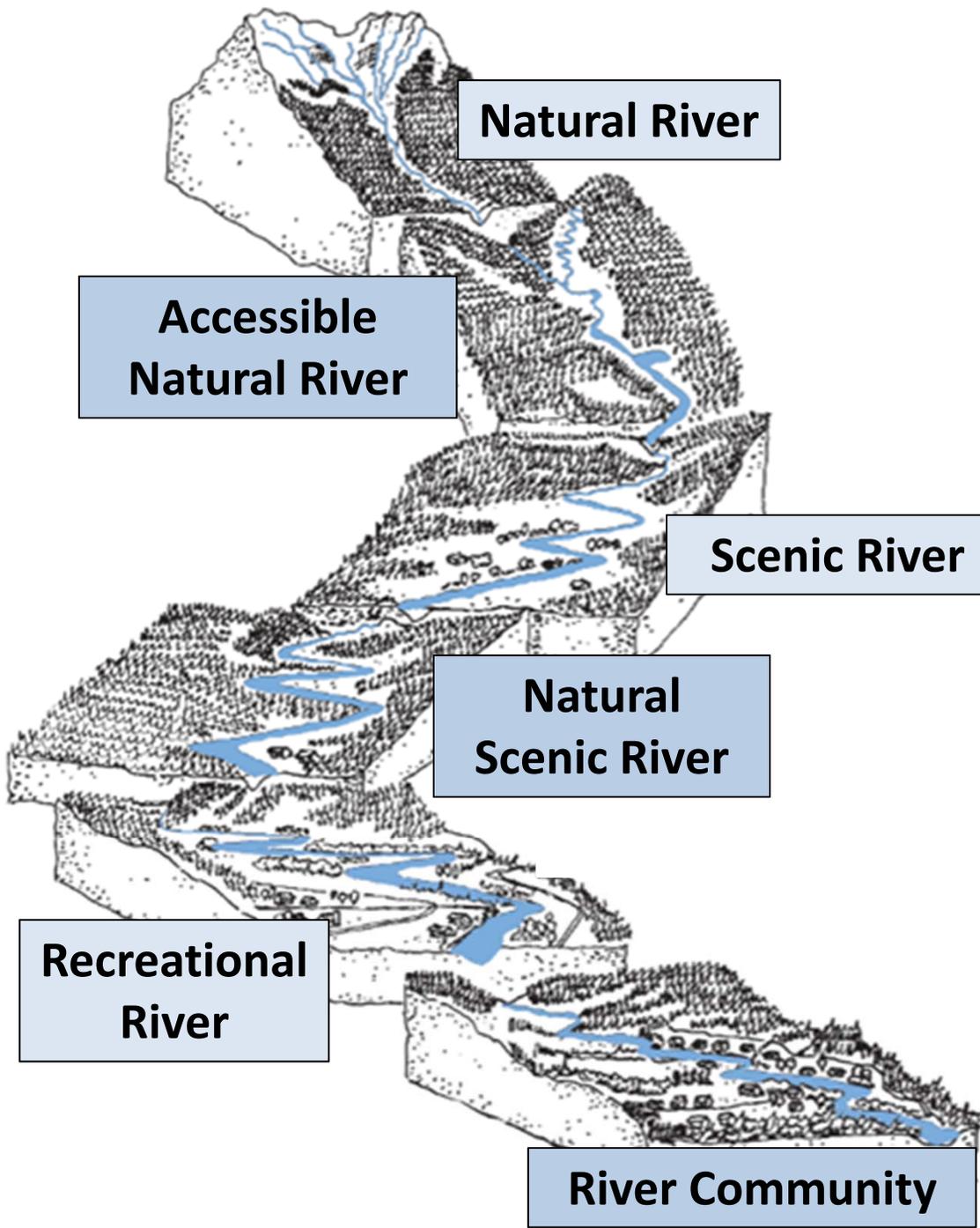


Month	Stream Name	Water Available?
JAN	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AB N FK CHETCO R	YES
FEB	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AB N FK CHETCO R	YES
MAR	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AB N FK CHETCO R	YES
APR	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	YES
MAY	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	YES
JUN	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	YES
JUL	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	NO
AUG	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	NO
SEP	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	NO
OCT	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AT MOUTH	NO
NOV	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AB N FK CHETCO R	YES
DEC	CHETCO R > PACIFIC OCEAN - AB N FK CHETCO R	YES

Advisory Group Components

- Scenic Flow Framework
- Suggested permit and other conditions





Recommended Scenic Allocation (percent of median monthly flow)
Natural River: 100%
Accessible Natural River: 95-100%
Scenic River: 90-100%
Natural Scenic River: 85-100%
Recreational River: 80-100%
River Community: 75-100%

Diversion of water under this permit is contingent on designated scenic waterway flows being met downstream. The user is required to monitor streamflow at Clackamas River near Estacada, OR, gage 14210000, and discontinue diversion when the flows specified below are unmet at the gage. At the discretion of the Director, the location and nature of streamflow monitoring required to protect scenic waterway flows is subject to change. In addition, the watermaster may regulate diversion under this right if it is determined by the Department that the flows listed below are unmet at the gage.

Clackamas Scenic Waterway	
Month	Minimum Flow (cfs)
January	1000
February	1000
March	1000
April	1000
May	1000
June	1000
July	1000
August	890
September	890
October	1000
November	1000
December	1000

... or other conditions.

Today: Scenic Flow Framework comment review

Dot exercise

- 1) Place dot within range of proposed flows
OR suggest new percentage
- 2) Add any additional comments
- 3) Summarize results as group
- 4) Issues with consensus will be added to the recommendation document; others will be captured in comment

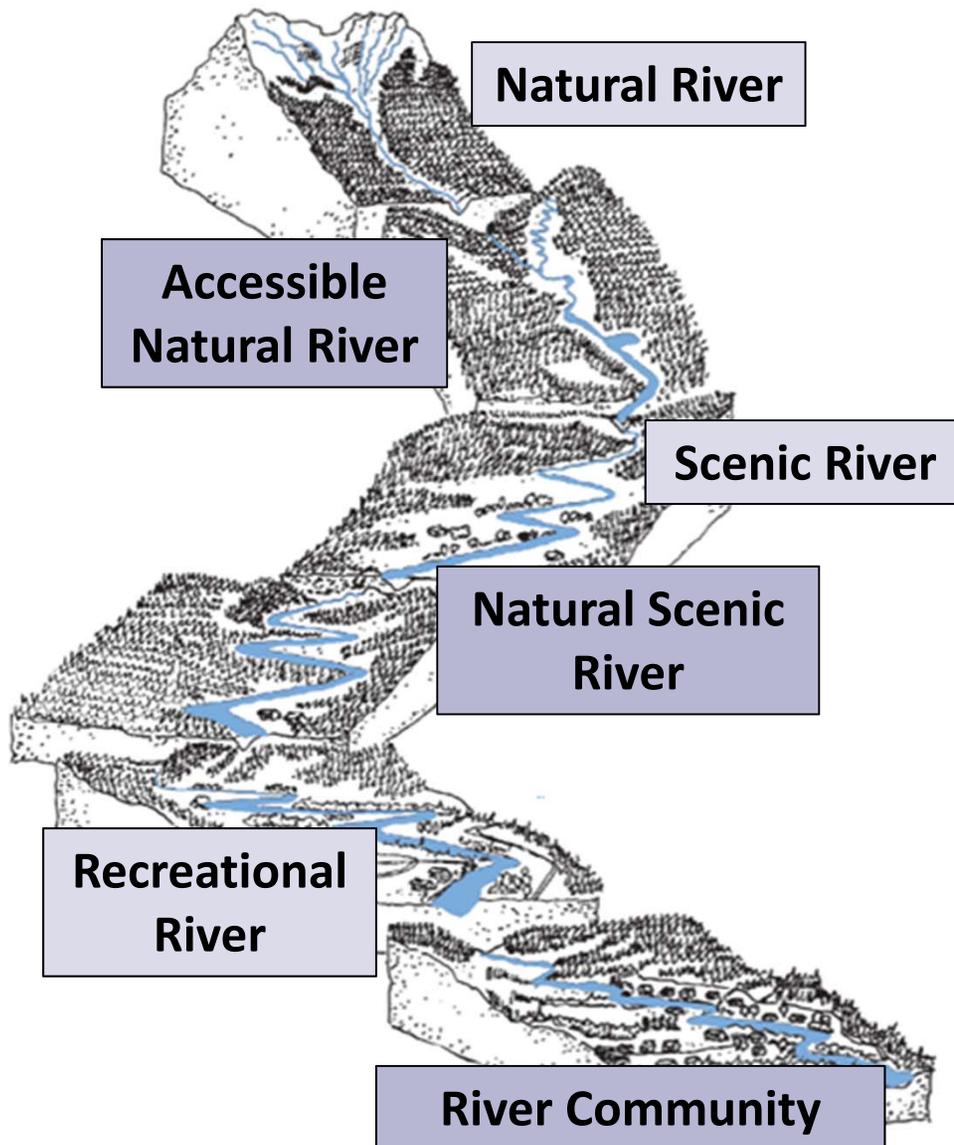
Draft Management Plan

- Management Planning Process
 - Proposed Classification Categories
 - Proposed Administrative Rules
 - Proposed Management Recommendations



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River Management Classifications

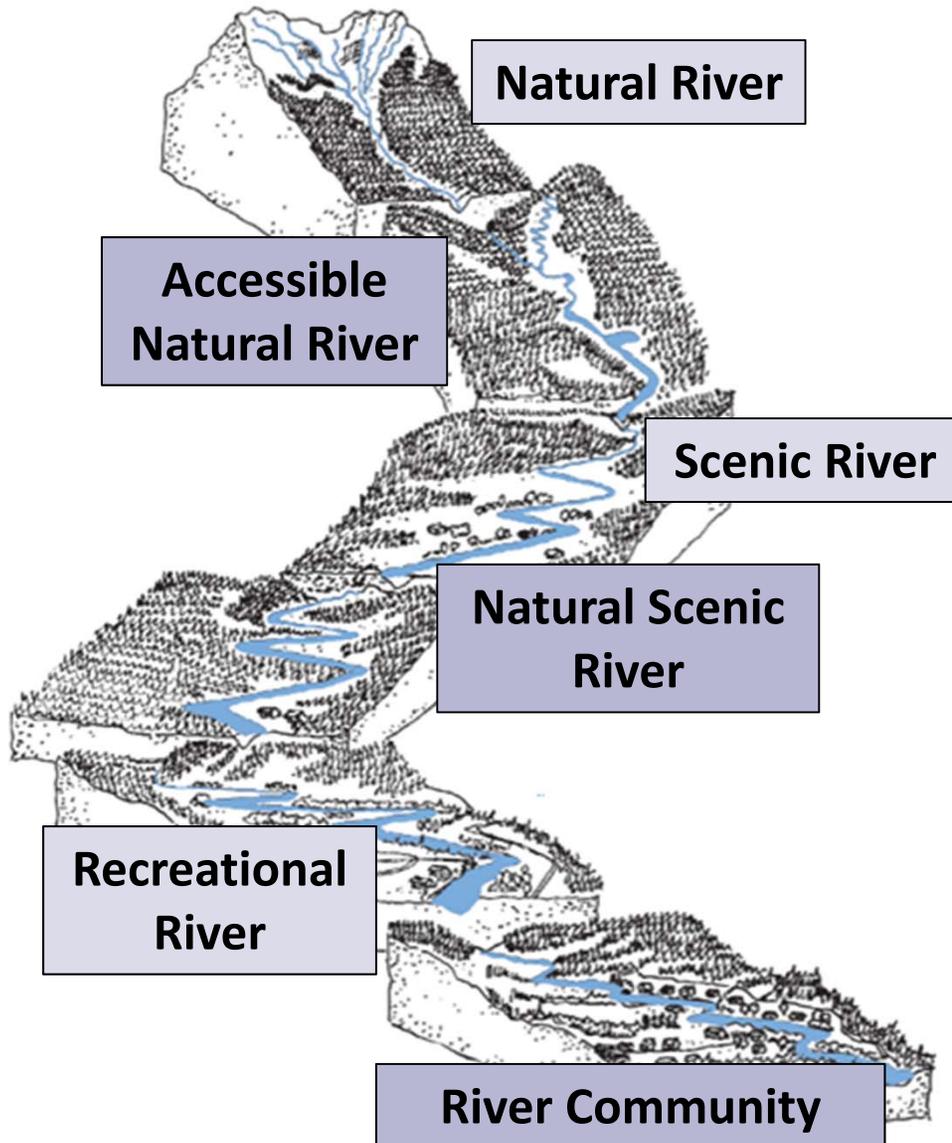


Steel Bridge to Eagle Creek
Accessible Natural River Area

**Eagle Creek to South Fork
Confluence**
Scenic River Area

**South Fork to Alfred A. Loeb
State Park (southern tip)**
Recreational River

Land Management Rules



Land Management Rules –

OAR 736-40-035 is applicable to all Scenic Waterway Areas:

- Timber Harvest
- Tree Cutting
- Grazing and Farming
- Suburban Housing
- Prospecting, Mining, Dredging and Quarrying
- Transportation Facilities and Utilities
- Structures, Buildings and Other Improvements
- Mobile Homes
- Maintenance of Structures/Improvements
- Replacement of Structures/Improvements
- Advertising
- Erosion Protection
- Submerged and Submersible Lands
- Emergencies
- Solid Waste, Pollution and Sanitation

Draft Rules – Accessible Natural River Area

- Only improvements made in connection with a compatible existing use (e.g., those needed for public recreation use or resource protection) should be allowed.
- Any new improvements permitted should be primitive in character and include screening from the river by topography.
- New roads, mines and similar forms of development should only be permitted when fully screened from view from the river by topography.
- Any existing roads should not be extended or realigned unless fully screened by topography.

Draft Rules – Scenic River Area

- Improvements needed for public recreation use or resource protection shall be designed to blend with the natural character of the landscape.
- Natural evergreen vegetation shall be maintained between the new improvements and the river. The establishment of additional vegetative screening (preferably native vegetation) may be required to further mitigate the visual impact of new structure(s) as seen from the river if not blocked by topography.
- New roads, mines and similar forms of development shall be screened from view from the river by topography.

Draft Rules – Recreational River Area

- New structures and improvements shall be permitted only when at least partially screened from view from the river by topography or vegetation.
- Improvements needed for public recreation use or resource protection may be visible from the river but shall be designed to blend with the natural character of the landscape as much as possible.
- Roads, mines and similar forms of development shall be set back from the river consistent with Curry County zoning and land development requirements and be screened from view from the river by topography or by existing or established evergreen vegetation.

Draft Proposed Rule Exercise

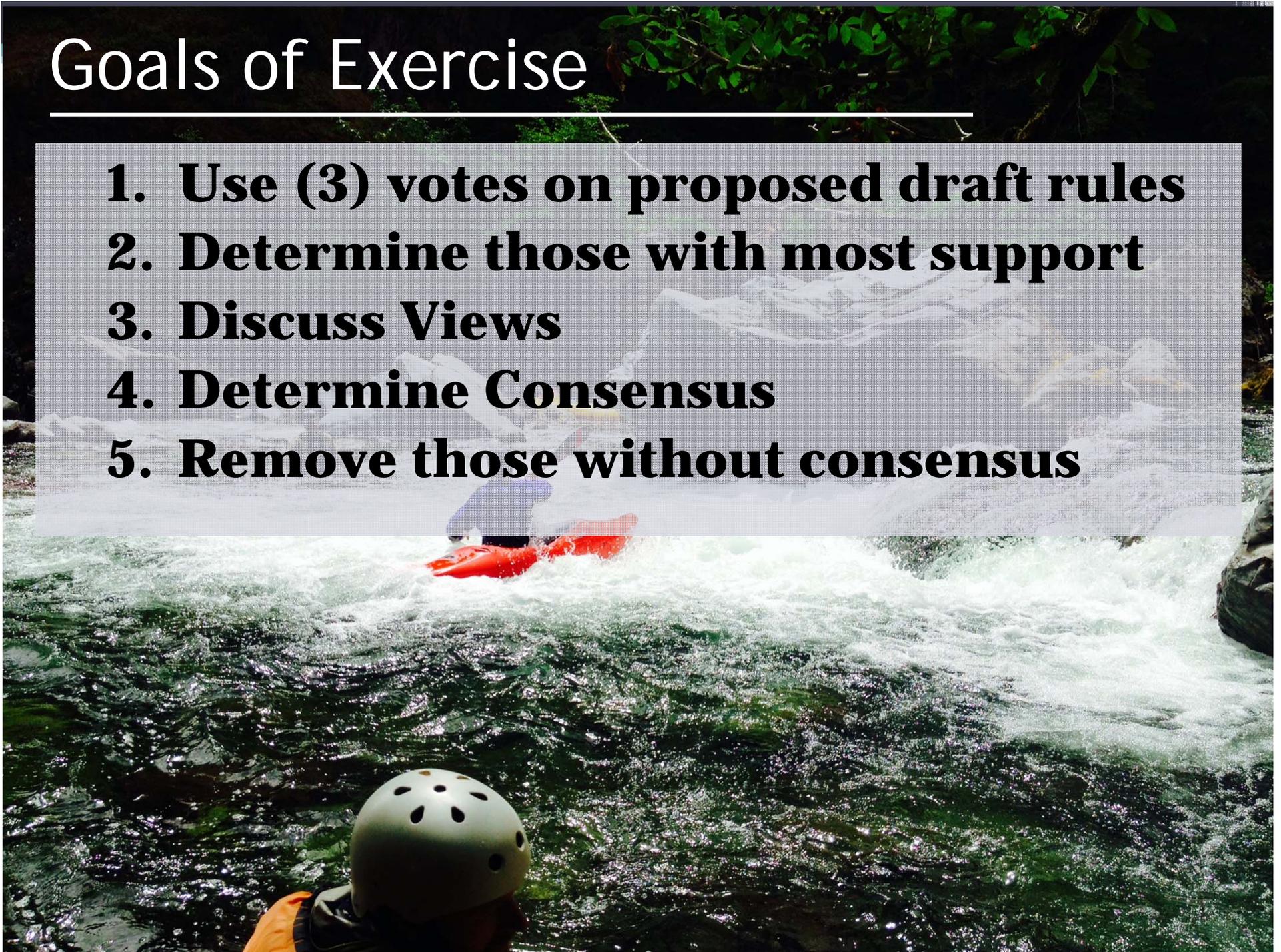


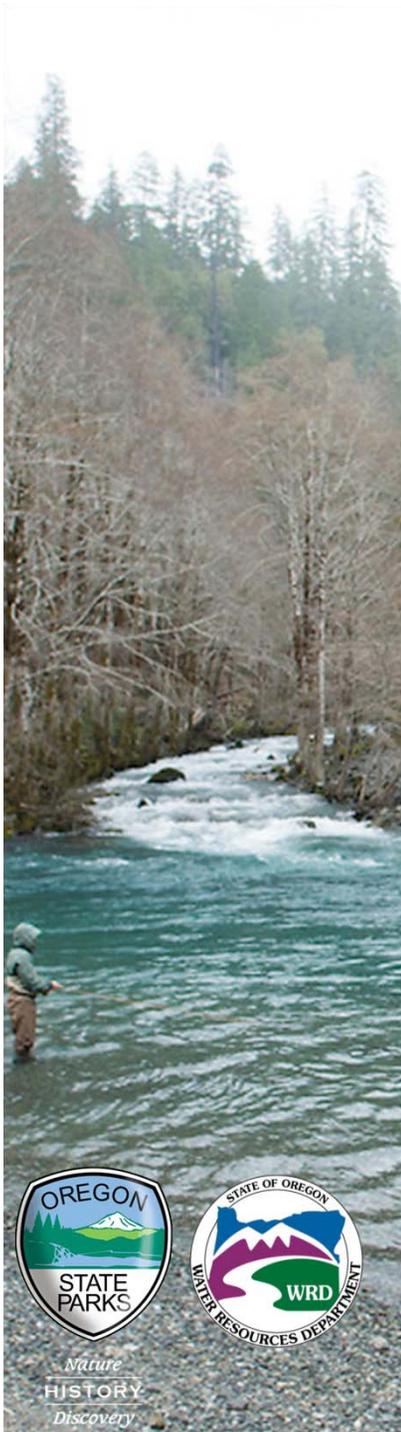
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Goals of Exercise

- 1. Use (3) votes on proposed draft rules**
- 2. Determine those with most support**
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- 5. Remove those without consensus**





Potential Management Recommendations

1. Collaborate to develop and install small interpretive signs with messages about the river corridor (*potential topics* include: river stewardship, leave no trace, recreation, cultural resources, fisheries, wildlife, geology, water quality, hydrology, respecting private property) in key areas. Signage should be designed to blend with the surrounding landscape.
2. Collaborate to develop a water trail recreation guide to facilitate river-based recreation opportunities, protect natural resources and private property. The guide may include maps and information showing property boundaries, river launch sites, day use areas, camping areas, other facilities, along with safety and other interpretive information.
3. Develop signs that identify public access for put in and take outs and/or developed recreation areas that are visible from the river and from the road access points.
4. Collaboration with local partners and land managers to explore funding to improving river access points (including boat ramps and access roads) to facilitate river recreational opportunities and improve visitor safety.
5. Develop organized regular river clean-up activities (e.g., trash and other debris) within the Scenic Waterway, particularly at river access points.
6. Explore opportunities to form partnership to exploring improvements in water quality, planting native species and invasive species management and/or monitoring efforts.



Potential Management Recommendations

7. Explore opportunities to form partnership to exploring improvements in water quality, planting native species and invasive species management and/or monitoring efforts.
8. Use the Oregon Forest Practices Act and County Code to manage forest management activities on non-federal lands.
9. Identify user conflict areas that may not currently be adequately addressed in the Forest Service Management Plan due to changes in visitor use patterns (e.g., RVs often camp in the middle of boat ramps restricting drift boat launch at South Fork).
10. Agencies shall not modify existing or construct new structures within the high water channel unless they enhance river related resources and comply with free-flow standards.
11. Public agencies in collaboration with local partners should work towards scoping for ways to improve hiking trail opportunities in the river corridor.
12. Federal agencies (e.g., USFS) should provide the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department draft plans, environmental assessments or environmental impact statements on activities that may affect the Scenic Waterway.

Draft Management Recommendations Exercise

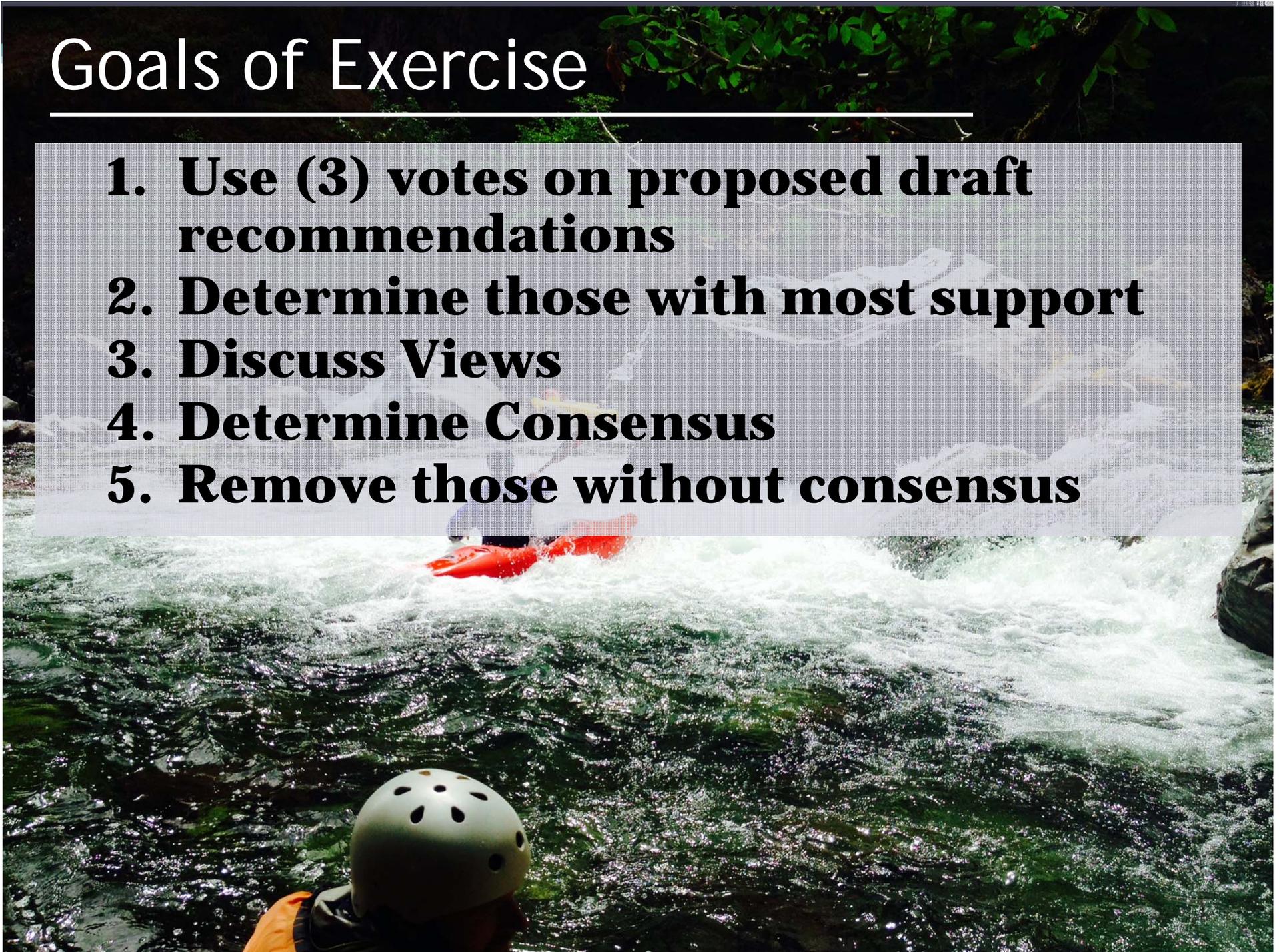


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Next Steps

- Draft Plan
 - July 7, 2015
- Public Meeting
 - July 14, 2015



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