

**MEMO**

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**Re:** Scenic Waterway Flows for the Chetco and Molalla Rivers

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On November 20, 2015, Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) staff presented the following Scenic Waterway flow recommendations to the Water Resources Commission for its consideration. These recommendations were based on input from pilot Advisory Groups and WRD staff (WRD, 2015a) (WRD, 2015b). The Commission unanimously approved the proposed protective streamflows.

The percentages listed in each table are the percent of the median, natural streamflow to be protected within each reach of the proposed scenic waterways. These values will be added into the Department’s Water Availability calculation if the proposed Chetco and Molalla Scenic Waterways are formally designated by the Governor.

**Chetco River Scenic Waterway Flows**

*Table 1. Contingent Scenic Waterway Flows for the Proposed Chetco River Scenic Waterway*

Month	<u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Upper Segment- Steel Bridge to Eagle Creek	<u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Middle Segment- Eagle Creek to South Fork Chetco Confluence	<u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Lower Segment- South Fork Chetco Confluence to Alfred A. Loeb State Park
	<u>Accessible Natural River</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)	<u>Scenic River</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)	<u>Recreational River</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)
January	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>
February			
March			
April			<b>100%</b>
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

## Molalla Scenic Waterway Flows

Table 2. Contingent Scenic Waterway Flows for the Proposed Molalla Scenic Waterway

<b>Month</b>	<b><u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Upper Segment- Table Rock to Pine Creek  <u>Scenic River Area</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)</b>	<b><u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Middle Segment- Pine Creek to Trout Creek  <u>Recreational River Area</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)</b>	<b><u>Recommended Scenic Flow:</u> Lower Segment- Trout Creek to Glen Avon Bridge  <u>River Community Area</u>  (% of median, natural streamflow to protect)</b>
January	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
August			
September			
October			
November	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>
December			

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