

State Scenic Waterway

*Molalla River Draft Management Plan
Advisory Committee*



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***Oregon Parks and Recreation and Water Resources Department
June 15, 2015 – Meeting #2
Molalla, Oregon***



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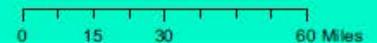
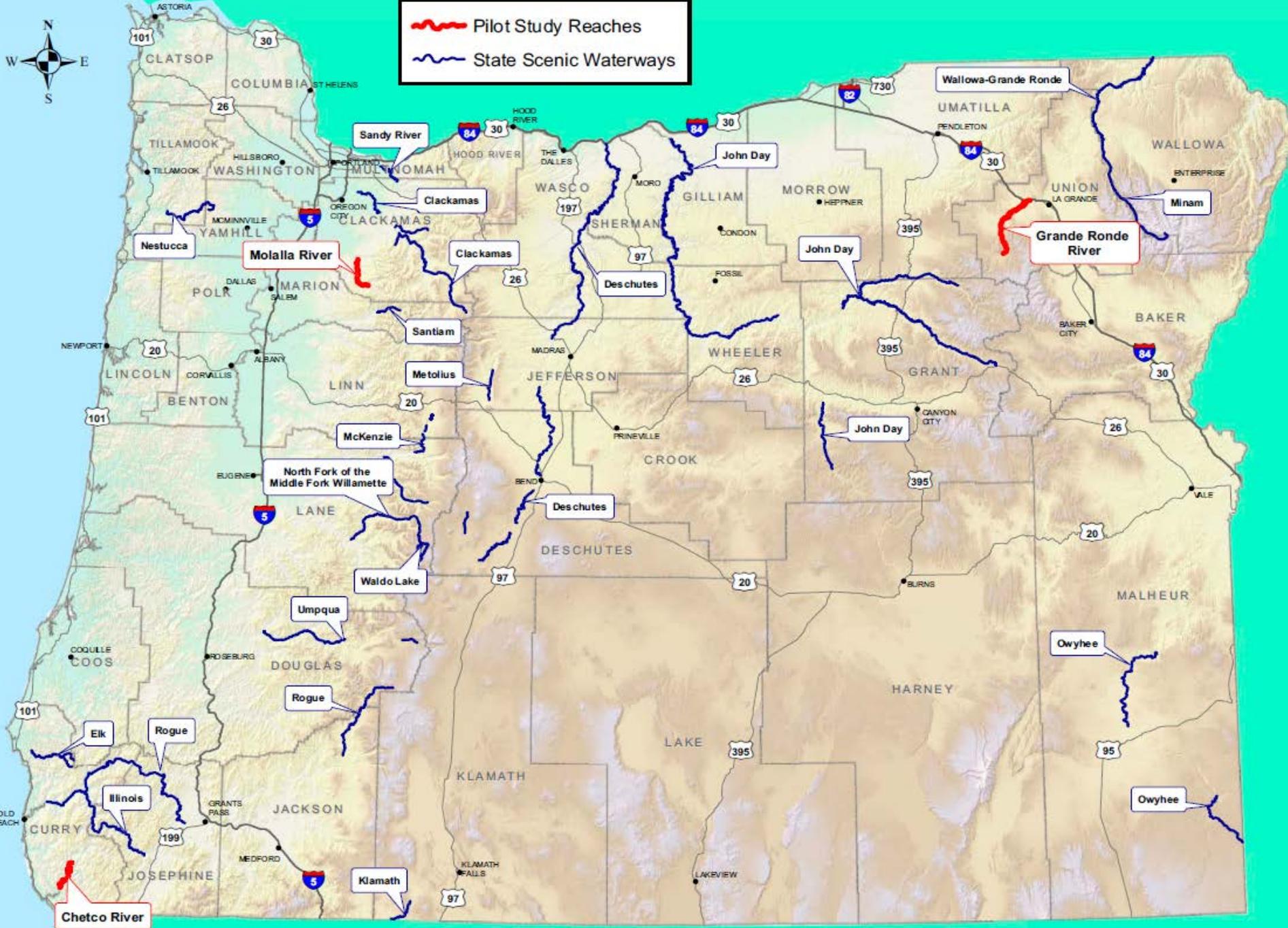
Outline

- **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



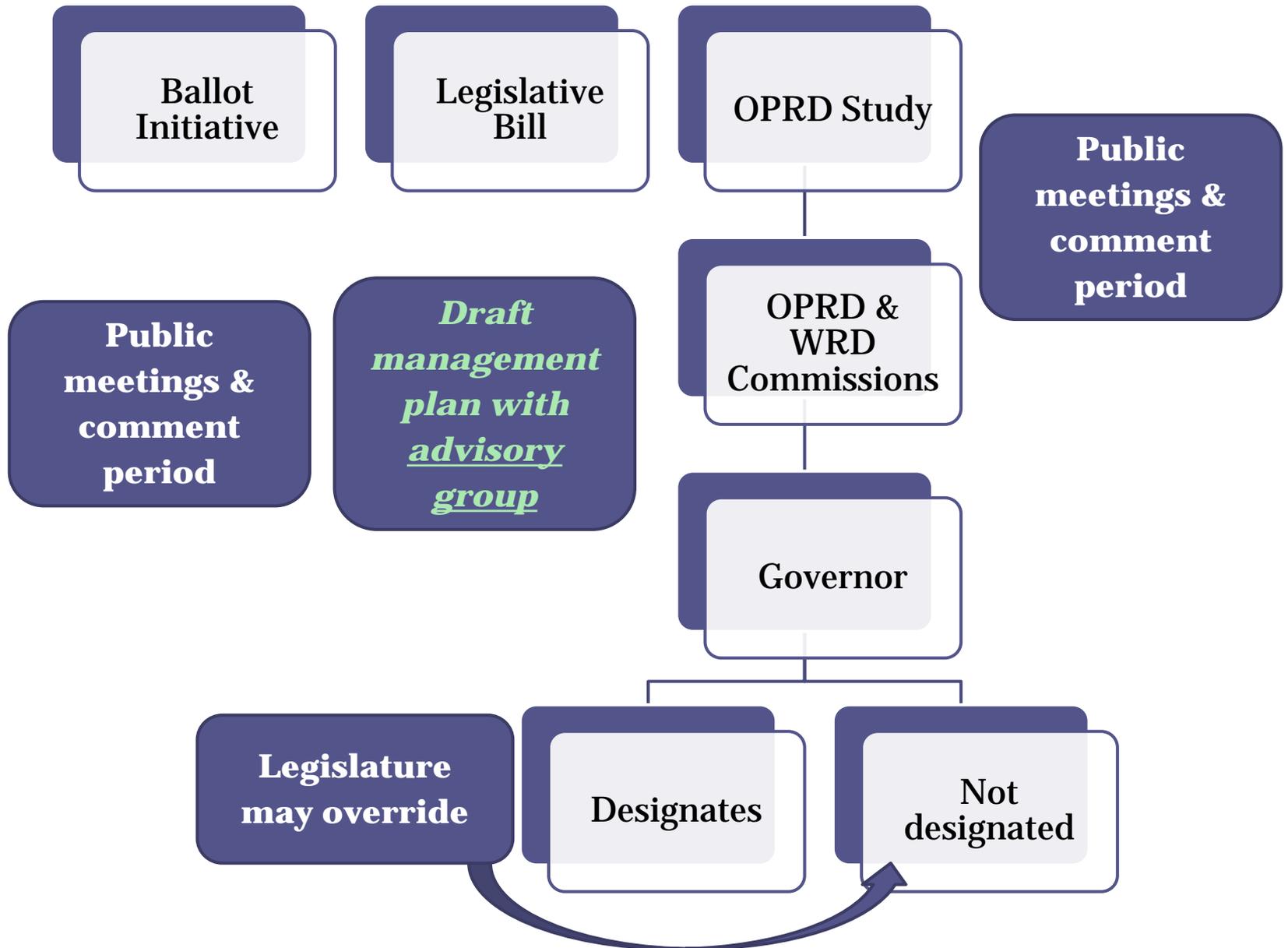


 Pilot Study Reaches
 State Scenic Waterways



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





Role of OPRD: Program

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



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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

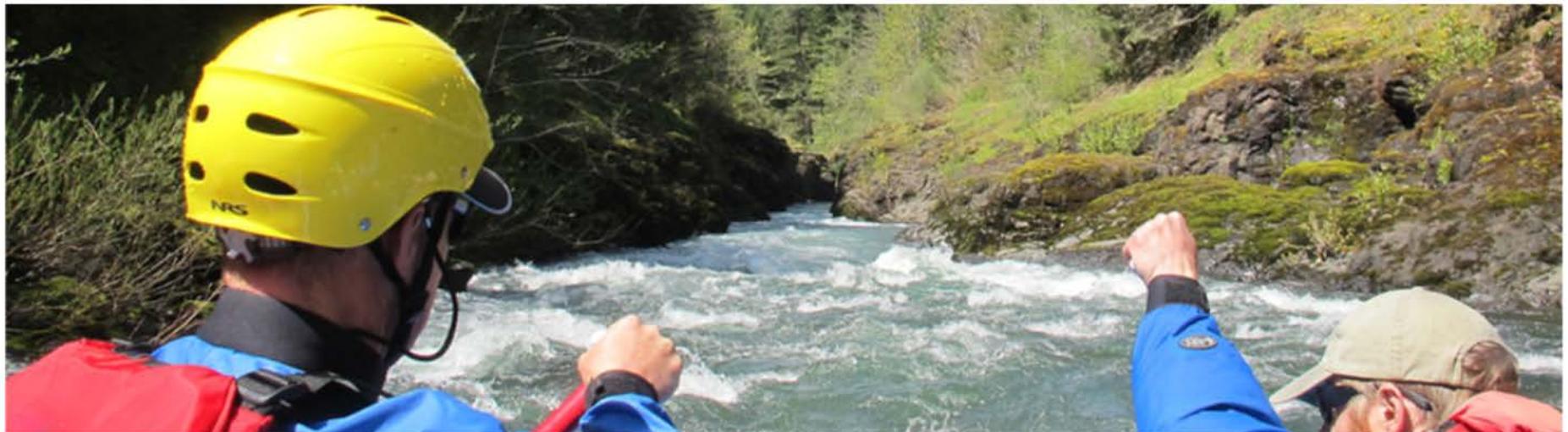
Scenic Waterway Advisory Group-Molalla River; Meeting #2

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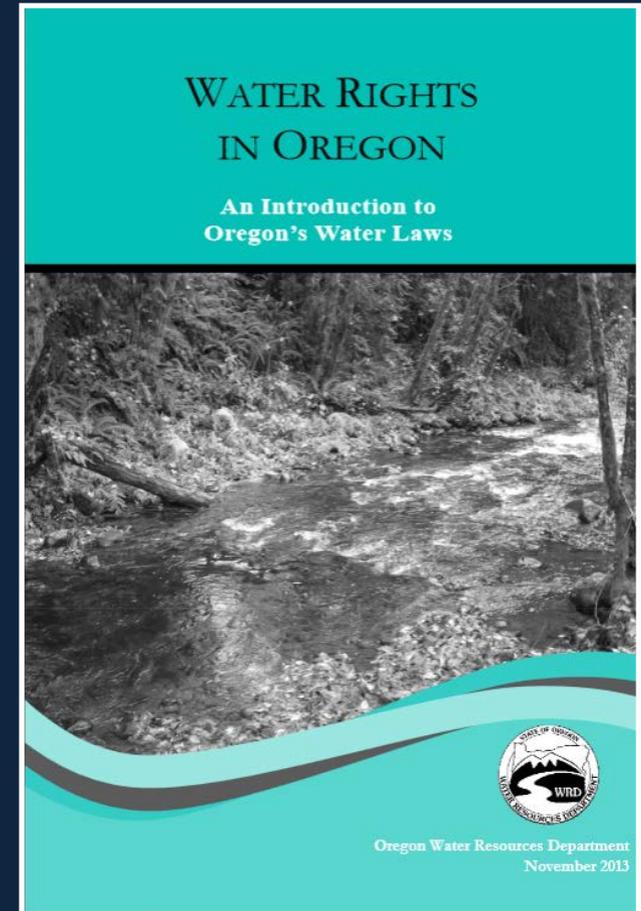
Overview: Scenic Flow Recommendation

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



What is a Scenic Flow?

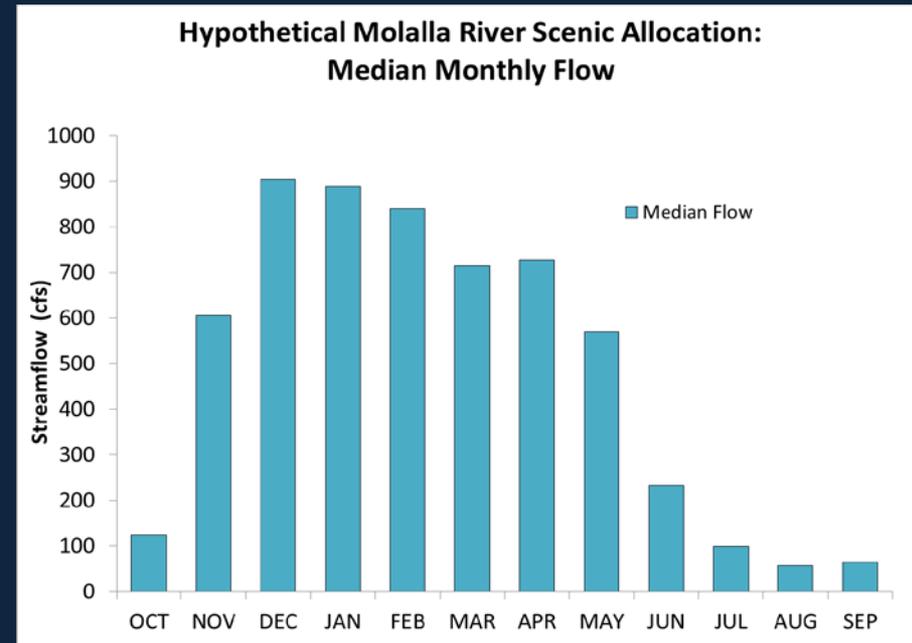
- Flows necessary for recreation, fish, and wildlife uses
- WRD Allocation Process
 - New allocations cannot interfere with scenic needs
OAR 690-410-0700(2)(g)
 - Key step: inventory water
 - Water Availability calculation includes Scenic Flows



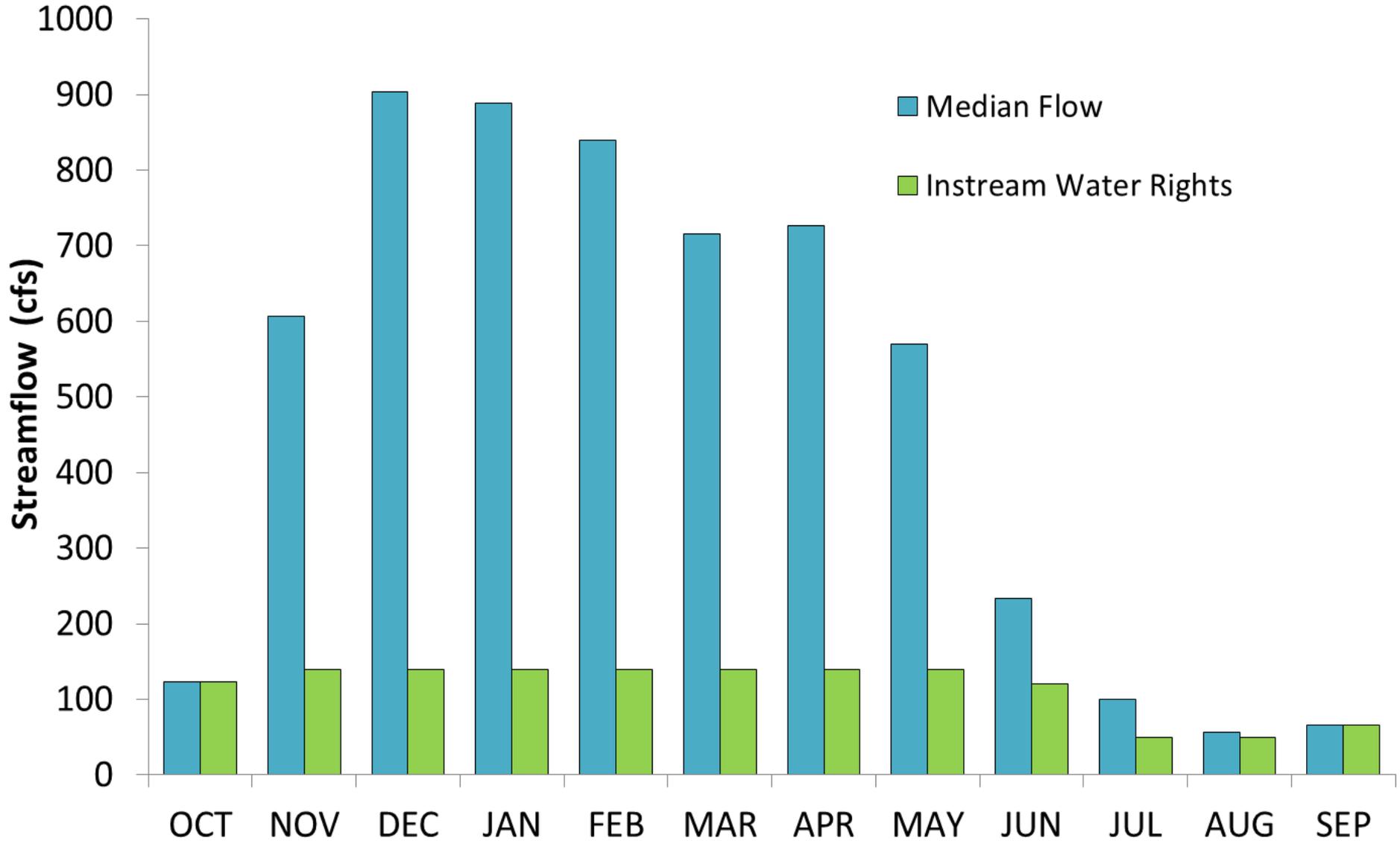
<http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/PUBS/docs/aquabook2013.pdf>

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



Hypothetical Molalla River Scenic Allocation: Median Monthly Flow vs. Existing Instream Water Rights





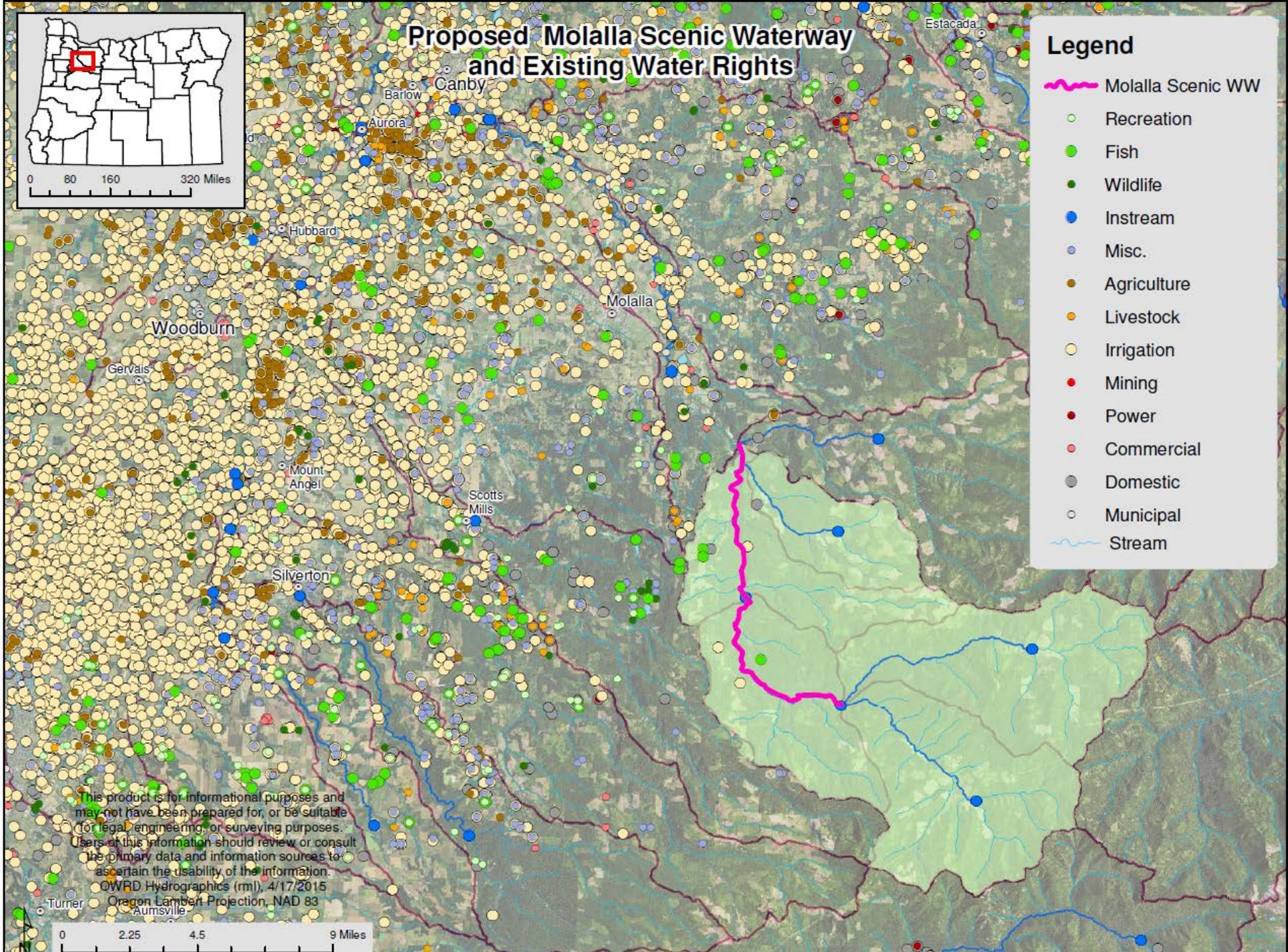
For water to be available at any given upstream point, it must be available at all points of calculation downstream.

Proposed Molalla Scenic Waterway and Existing Water Rights



Legend

- Molalla Scenic WW
- Recreation
- Fish
- Wildlife
- Instream
- Misc.
- Agriculture
- Livestock
- Irrigation
- Mining
- Power
- Commercial
- Domestic
- Municipal
- Stream



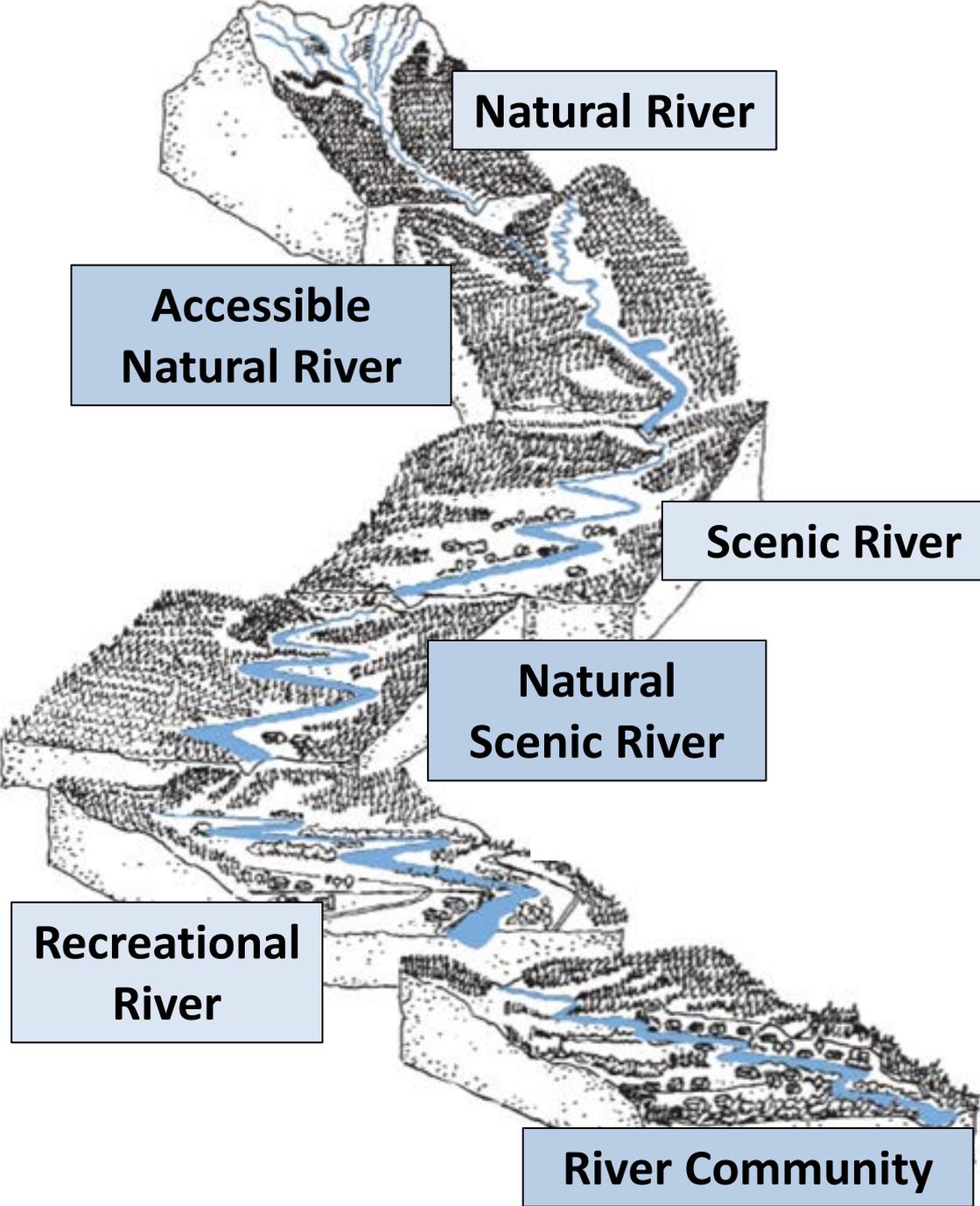
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CWRD Hydrographics (rml), 4/17/2015
Oregon Lambert Projection, NAD 83

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

Advisory Group Components

- Scenic Flow Framework
- Suggested permit and other conditions





Natural River

Accessible Natural River

Scenic River

Natural Scenic River

Recreational River

River Community

**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



River Management Classifications

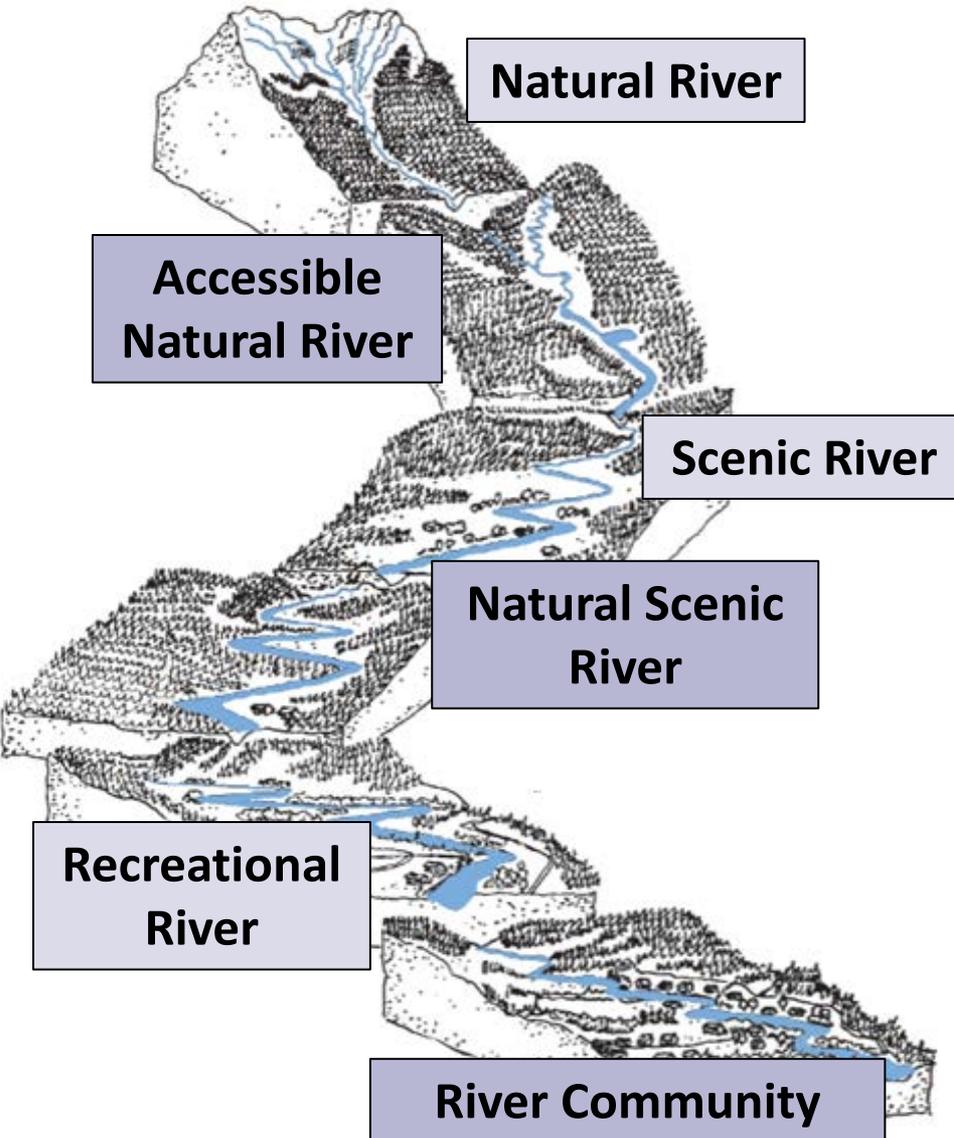


Table Rock Fork to Pine Creek
Scenic River Area

Pine Creek to Trout Creek
Recreational River Area

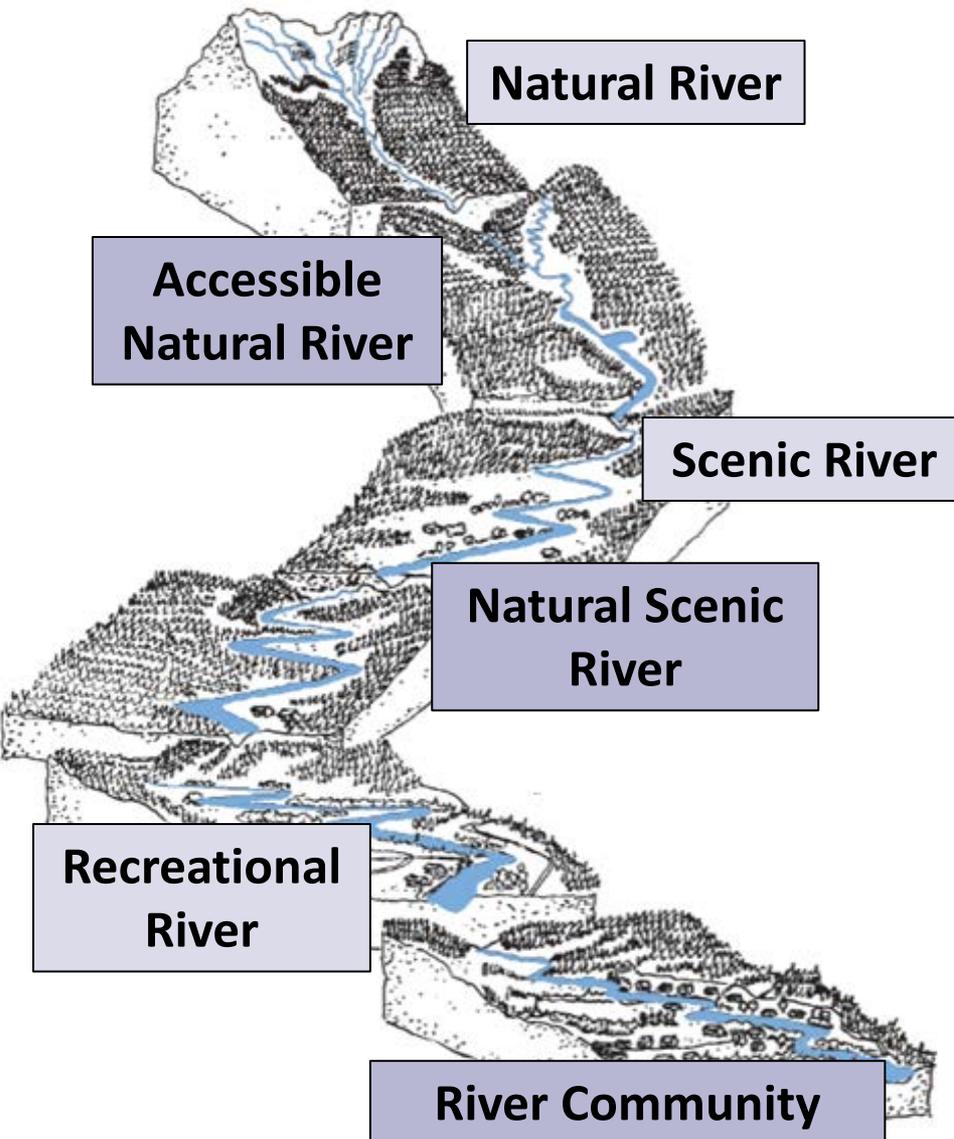
Trout Creek to Glen Avon Bridge
River Community

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 – 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.
- Existing natural evergreen vegetation will be maintained between the new structures and the river, unless removal does not impact the view as seen from the river.
- The establishment of additional vegetative screening (preferably native vegetation) may be required to further mitigate the visual impact of the new structure(s) as seen from the river, if not otherwise blocked by topography or existing vegetation.
- The condition of “vegetation screening” shall consist of a density and mixture of native evergreen and deciduous vegetation to obscure or allow only a filtered view of the proposed structures or improvements.
- 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.
- New roads, mines and similar forms of development shall be set back from the river consistent with Clackamas County zoning and land development requirements and be screened from view from the river by topography or by existing or established evergreen vegetation.

Draft Rules – River Community

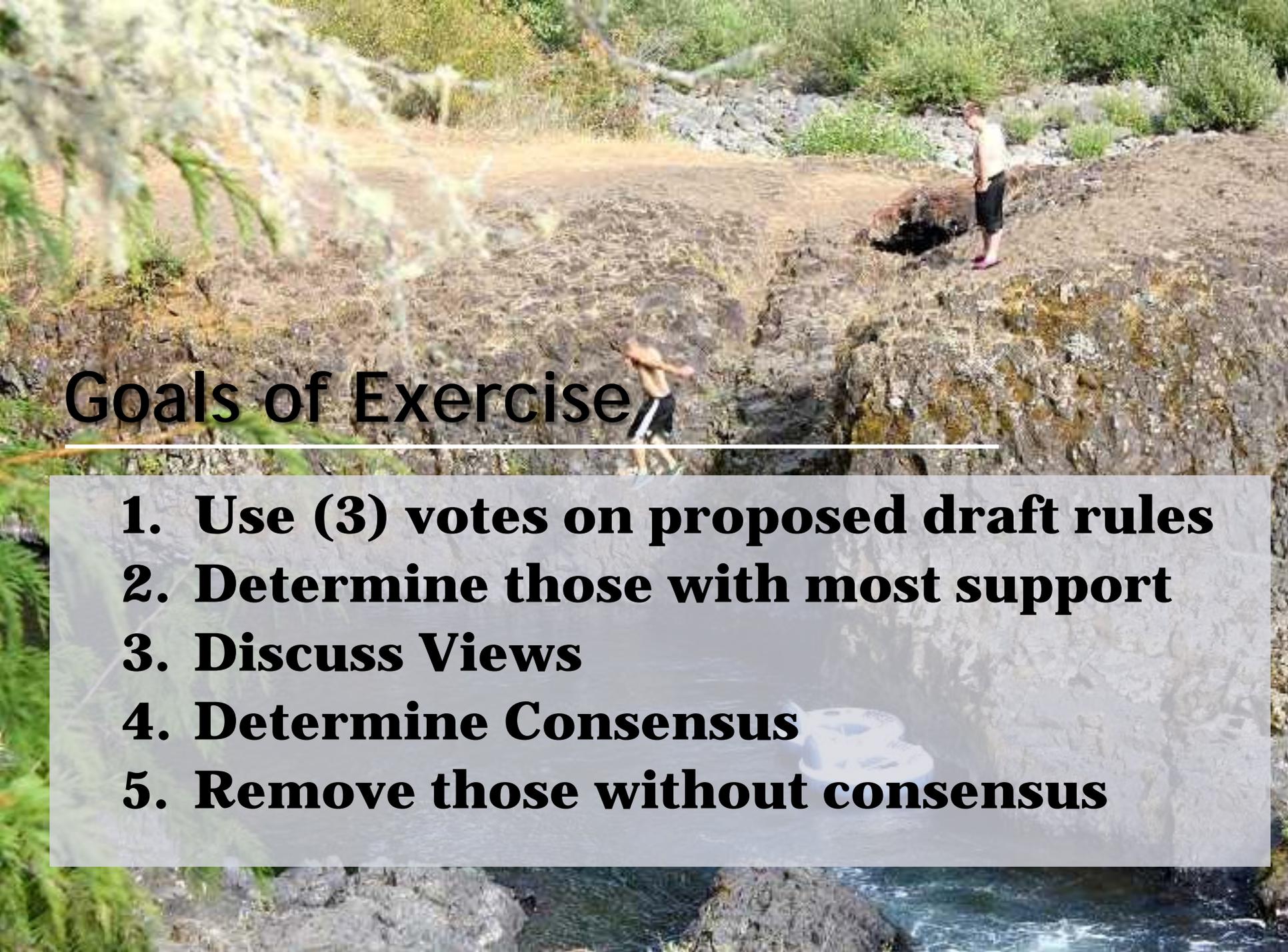
- No land north of Glen Avon Bridge affects the view from the waters within a scenic waterway, therefore is deemed “non-related adjacent land” and not subject to scenic waterway review.
- Future development and land management be consistent with Clackamas County’s river protection plan and existing state rules are sufficient.



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**
- 3. Discuss Views**
- 4. Determine Consensus**
- 5. Remove those without consensus**

Potential Management Recommendations

1. Collaborate with local partners and public agencies 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.
2. Collaborate with local partners and public agencies 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.



Potential Management Recommendations

4. Collaborate 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.
7. Use the Oregon Forest Practices Act and County Code to manage forest management activities on non-federal lands.
8. Follow BLM's Management Plan to manage federal lands.

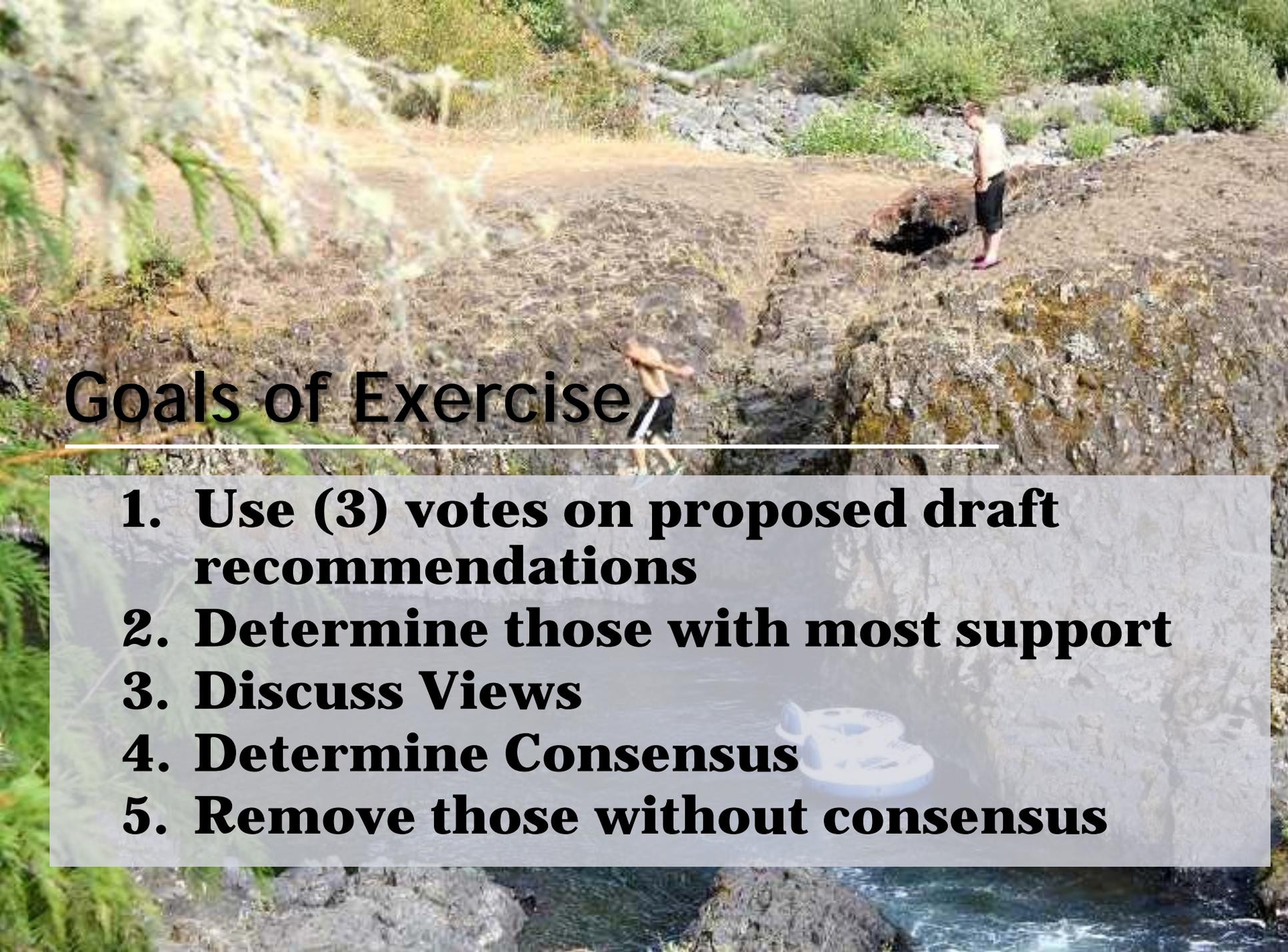


Draft Management Recommendations Exercise



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A scenic view of a rocky coastline. In the foreground, a person is walking on a dark, rocky cliffside. In the background, another person is standing on a higher part of the cliff. The water is visible at the bottom of the frame, with some white foam. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be a natural, rugged environment.

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Next steps

- Draft Plan
 - July 13, 2015
- Public Meeting
 - July 20, 2015

Thank you.



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