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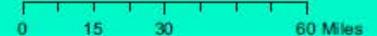
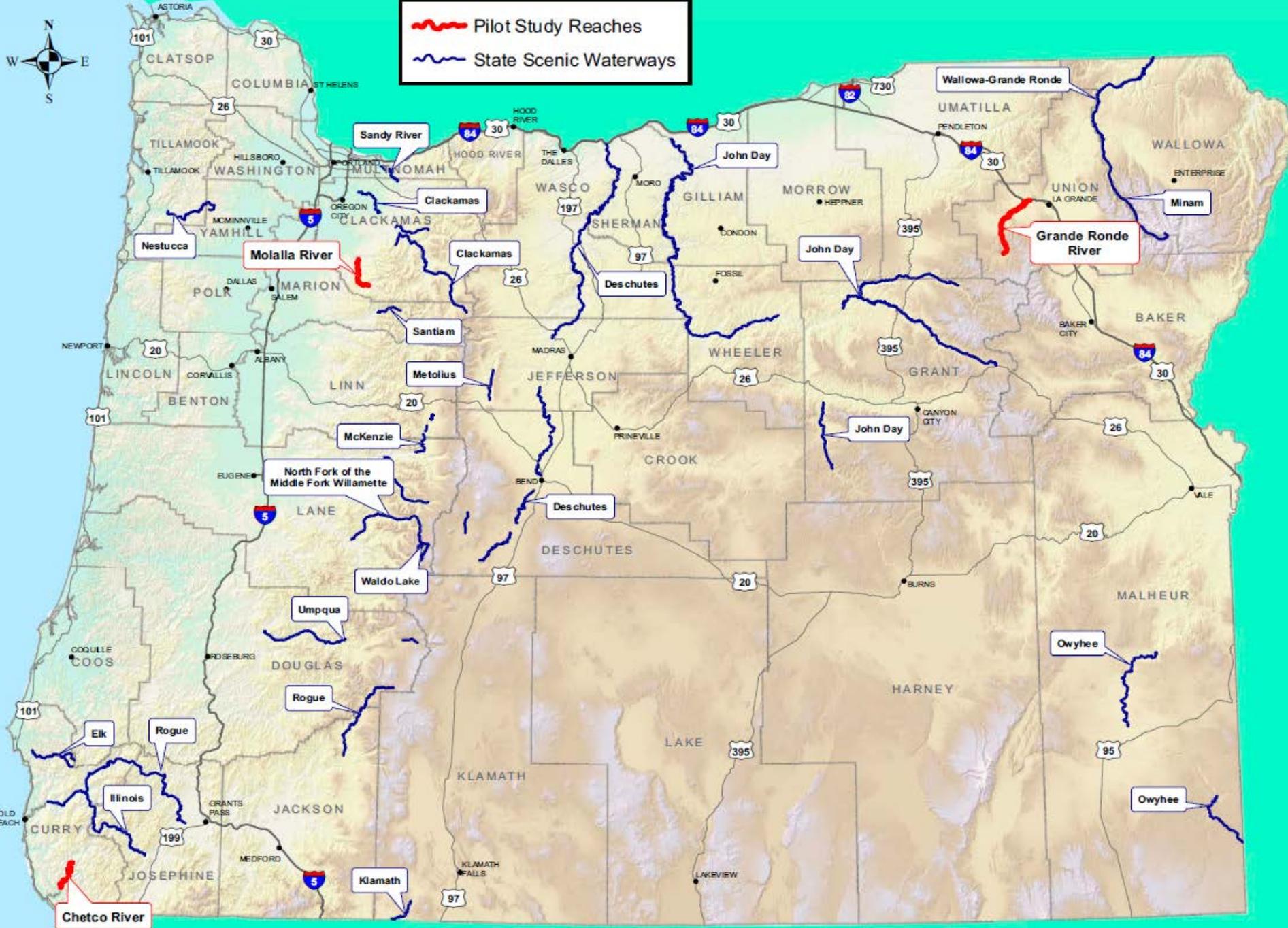
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 Pilot Study Reaches
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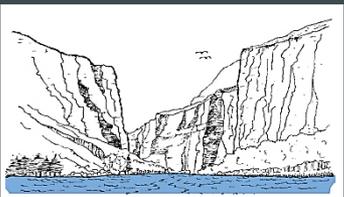




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Study Process

- ***Evaluation of the Waterway's Eligibility***
 - Free-flowing nature of the waterway
 - Scenic quality, as viewed from the river
 - Natural and recreation qualities
- ***Evaluation of the Feasibility of Including the Waterway in the Program***
 - Obtain feedback from stakeholders
 - Review findings at community and County Commission meetings
 - Review public comments
 - scenic.waterways@oregon.gov
 - Online survey (closes October 15th)



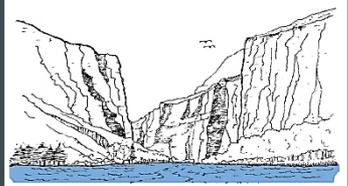
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Study Process: State Parks Role

- Not advocating for new scenic waterway designations
- Objectively evaluate eligibility based on Scenic Waterway criteria
- Provide multiple opportunities for public input
- Evaluate public interest, support, and concerns
- Report on whether the waterway is a good addition to the scenic waterway system

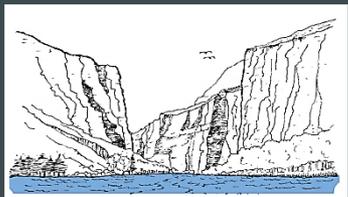


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Study Process: Eligibility Process

- *Course level screening process to identify potential study candidates*
 - Free-flowing, recreation and scenic values
- *Field Visit*
 - Documented river conditions
 - Assess scenic quality
 - Started to identify outstanding features
- *Discussions with experienced users, resource managers (ongoing)*
 - Natural Values
 - Scenic Values
 - Recreational Values



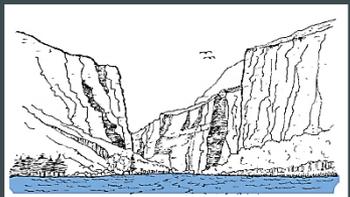
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Study Process: Eligibility Criteria*

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- Outstanding natural and recreational values
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 - Quality recreation experience

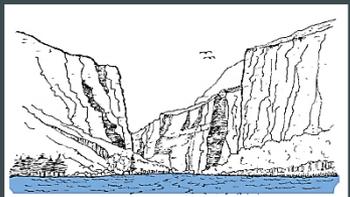


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Study Process: Initial Eligibility Findings

- Free flowing
 - ✓ Molalla has no dams or major diversions



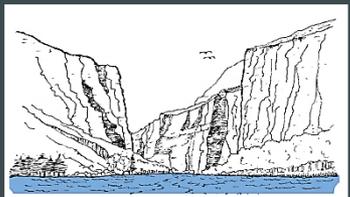
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Study Process: Initial Eligibility Findings

- **Scene from the river is pleasing**
 - ✓ **Outstanding water clarity and color**
 - ✓ **Interesting and unique geologic features**
 - ✓ **Remote forested setting with few cultural modifications as seen from the river**
 - **Concentrated areas of recreational use on gravel bars on USFS property**
 - **Residential homes above river are isolated and do not noticeably detract from natural setting**

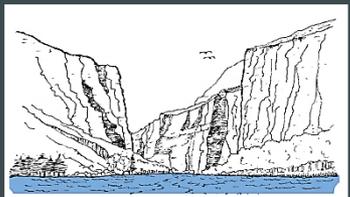


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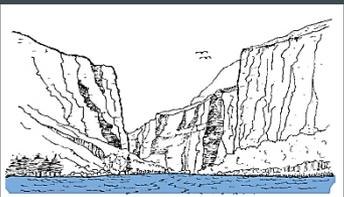
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Management of the Program

- Designations provided to rivers which provide exceptional outdoor recreation experiences
- Benefits of the program
 - Protects existing natural, scenic and recreational values associated with the waterway
 - Promotes the waterway as a special place, enhancing tourism and economic development opportunities associated with outdoor recreation
- Obligations of the Program
 - Requires the development of a Management Plan to encourage the protection of existing natural, scenic and recreational values
 - Through the Management Plan, certain activities are regulated within a ¼ Mile of the Designated Waterway



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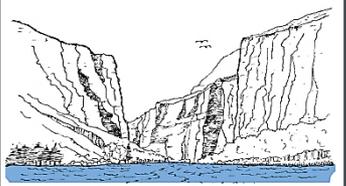
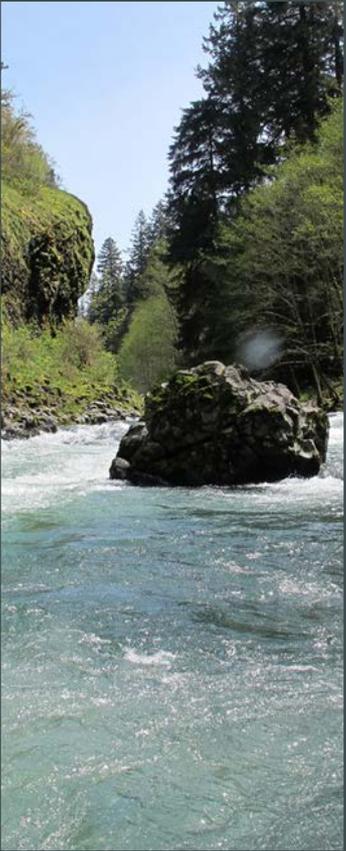
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Management of the Program

- ***IF a new waterway is added. . .***

- Re-engage 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

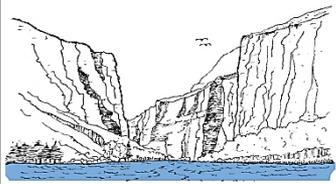


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Concerns identified so far by stakeholders

- **Concern that scenic waterway designation could/would/may**
 - prohibit some existing development and activities
 - require additional permits, add costs, and add time to existing review process.
 - prohibit the removal of trees along the waterway
 - regulate recreation uses along the waterway



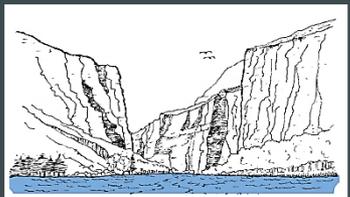
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Activities Excluded From Review

- Recreational activities
- Existing development/maintenance activities
- Grazing and farm uses
- Removal of hazard and firewood trees
- Land use activities on Federal lands
 - Federal agencies may ask for OPRD review for consistency with state laws
 - Activities and uses on federal lands managed by federal agencies



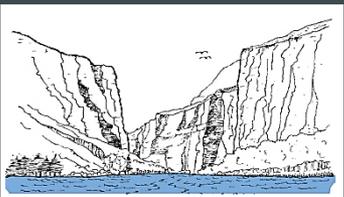
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Activities Which Would Be Reviewed

- **New Development Proposals**
 - **County notifies State Parks during their land use review process**
 - Details worked out in management plan with stakeholders
 - May require planting of vegetation to provide screening
- **Review of Timber Harvest Proposals**
 - **Timber harvesters notify State Parks**
 - **Follow Oregon Forest Practices Act Rules (e.g., 100 feet riparian buffer along waterway)**
 - **Harvest or vegetation management would need to be designed to protect scenic views**



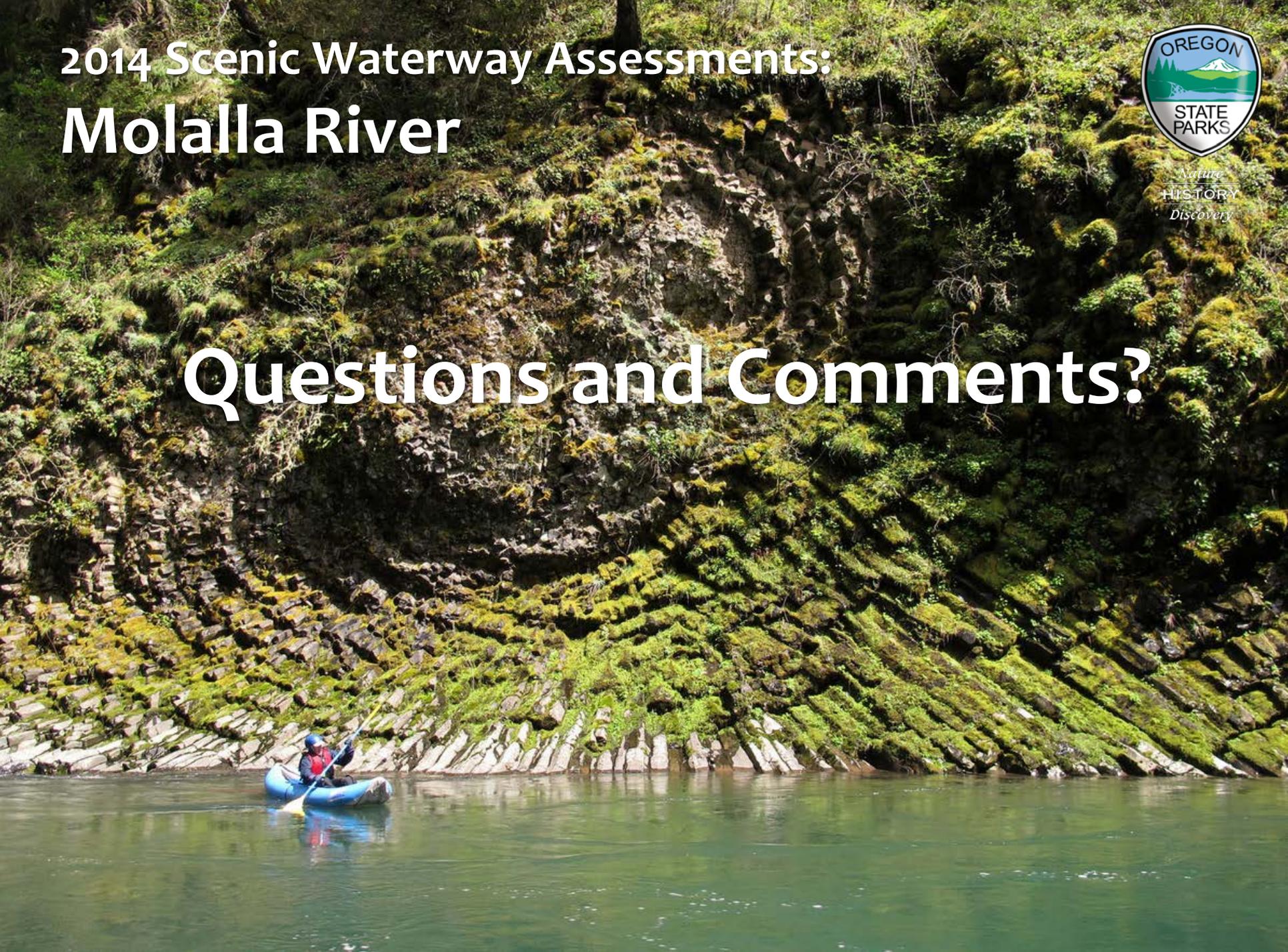
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Questions and Comments?



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Thank you for Participating

Scenic Waterways Webpage:

<http://tinyurl.com/scenicwaterwaysreview>

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