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Date:

Dear Mr. Spadaro and Ms. Burditt:

I am writing to express my concerns about imminent logging within the management boundary of the Wild & Scenic Lower White Salmon River. Specifically, I am concerned right now about planned logging of land fronting the White Salmon River and traversed by Spring Creek, near Husum, Washington.

This parcel was one of several which were agreed in the Wild & Scenic River Management Plan to be exchanged for timber parcels elsewhere on federal or state land. Much of this parcel has already been logged, but the planned next harvest will have an irremediable effect on the Outstandingly Remarkable Values which led to designation of the river as Wild & Scenic.

Spring Creek area is significant for fish, wildlife diversity, cultural resources, and scenic value, and these resources will be significantly damaged by logging. The area to be logged has lengthy low bank access to the river, unique in the Lower White Salmon Wild & Scenic River. Upland areas that are also in the management boundary have stands of large trees which contribute to the habitat diversity and resource values.

Now is the time to fully implement the 1991 Management Plan. I am asking for no logging in the management boundary and that and the resumption of negotiations between SDS and the US Forest Service to implement the Plan was adopted

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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