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Congressman Greg Walden
2185 Rayburn Office Building
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Dear Congressman Walden,

We are writing to urge you to co-sponsor the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Act of 2017 (H.R. 1308), introduced in March by Congressman DeFazio. Protecting the North Umpqua watershed and honoring Frank and Jeanne Moore is of paramount importance to us.

As veterans, we served and protected America, the land that we love. This includes protecting its public lands so that we, and our fellow American and visitors from around the world can experience the beauty, history, and culture of our great country.

Protecting this Oregon treasure will help ensure the continued protection of our public lands' heritage – to ensure proper stewardship of invaluable cultural, biological, and scientific resources; to ensure continued recreational access and enjoyment; to benefit our economy; and to ensure that future generations can enjoy these lands as we can today. It will also help to protect the quality of life of the region's residents which includes many veterans, active-duty armed forces personnel, and their families.

Perhaps more importantly for us, this is about protecting opportunities for veterans, and active duty servicemen and women who find that Oregon's public lands offer places to recuperate from the stresses of overseas service (such as PTSD), to reconnect with family and friends, and to reintegrate into civilian life after completing overseas missions.

The Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Act honors Frank Moore, a World War II veteran and legendary steward of the North Umpqua River, and his wife, Jeanne, a tireless advocate for protecting this landscape and its emerald waters. The bill would permanently protect roughly 100,000 acres of public lands and clean waters in Douglas County, would safeguard drinking water, critical wildlife habitat, and cultural resources in a watershed identified as one of the most important ecological areas in the Pacific Northwest, and would preserve world-class opportunities for fishing and other types of outdoor recreation, boosting the local economy which depends on safeguarded public lands and waters.

We are committed to doing what we can to preserve and protect these special places. Please know that we will continue to make our voices heard for the protection of the North Umpqua watershed and honoring of Frank and Jeanne Moore. And, we urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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