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 And a 20-Year
 Mineral Withdrawal!



Happy Holidays!

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley and Representatives DeFazio and Huffman,

With snow blanketing the mountainous home of the Kalmiopsis rivers, we want to thank you for your hard work and abiding commitment to protect the wild and irreplaceable North Fork Smith River, Baldface Creek, Rough and Ready Creek, Hunter Creek and the Pistol River from nickel strip mines.

What a year it's been! You introduced legislation and were the impetus for a proposed mineral withdrawal that's been decades in the making. We gathered 35,000 comments in support. Over 500 people filled local hearing rooms to make impassioned pleas for the protection of their beloved rivers. These rivers provide the communities of Southwest Oregon and Northwest California with wonderfully pure drinking water, wild salmon and much more.

As you look toward 2016, we ask that you keep fighting the good fight and push toward a 20 year withdrawal. Businesses, local individuals, and organizations from around Oregon, California and the Country will continue to work to support the withdrawal and your legislation.

Thank you from

American Whitewater	Smith River Alliance	Oregon Coast Alliance
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society	American Rivers	Wild and Scenic Rivers
Friends of the Kalmiopsis	Northwest Rafting Company	Hunter Creek Steward
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center	Trout Unlimited	Pacific Rivers
Earthworks	Cal Trout	Geos Institute
Native Fish Society	Flywater Travel	Cascadia Wildlands
Friends of Del Norte	Wild Salmon Center	Nate Wilson Photography
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council	Fishhawk River Company	Wild Rivers Water Rights
Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club	Association of Northwest Steelheaders	Oregon Wild
Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations	
Western Environmental Law Center	Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)	
Dean Finerty Guides and Outfitters	WaterWatch of Oregon	