Just 5 days left: your input on Washington’s rivers needed by July 10

Dear Washington State ACA Members,

Over the last few weeks, you’ve probably heard a lot about defending our country's public lands and national monuments.

Until July 10, the Department of the Interior is reviewing millions of acres of public land, including Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington. Hanford Reach is a popular destination for paddlers and fishermen. It's home to the 35 mile reach from Priest Rapids Dam to Ringold Springs, which is the longest wild and free-flowing section of the Columbia River that remains in the United States. Right now, this monument - and 26 others around the country - is at risk.

Behind this review is a more extreme threat to the Antiquities Act, which is one of the most central pieces of conservation legislation that we have as Americans. It has been used by Presidents of both parties to protect landscapes that represent our shared history and our shared future, including monuments designated to honor the civil rights movement, women, LGBTQ rights, and Native American tribes. The Antiquities Act has also protected landscapes with incredible recreation. National Parks like the Grand Canyon and Zion were originally National Monuments.

As a resident of Washington, your voice is especially important for this review. Can you take five minutes today to submit a comment to Interior using our easy-to-use tool? Importantly, this tool will also send your message to Washington’s congressional representatives, who can hold Interior accountable for their decisions.

Speak up now to keep public lands intact in Washington, and around the country, before July 10.

Sincerely,

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