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On July 11, 2017, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted rule amendments designating the North Fork Smith river and associated sub basin as Outstanding Resource Waters.

The affected rules are OAR 340-041-0004 and 340-041-0305.

Summary

The rules designate the waters of the North Fork Smith River sub basin as Outstanding Resource Waters, the highest level of protection under the Clean Water Act. The rules also establish policies to ensure that the unique water quality values and ecological characteristics of these waters are maintained. Specifically, the rules would prohibit new permitted point source discharges to the waters, as well as other activities that would degrade the current high water quality and exceptional ecological characteristics and values of the waters.

Additional Information

You can review the amended rules, as an attachment to the EQC staff report: Here.

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