

Proposal to Designate Crater Lake an Outstanding Resource Water

Water Quality Standards and Assessment

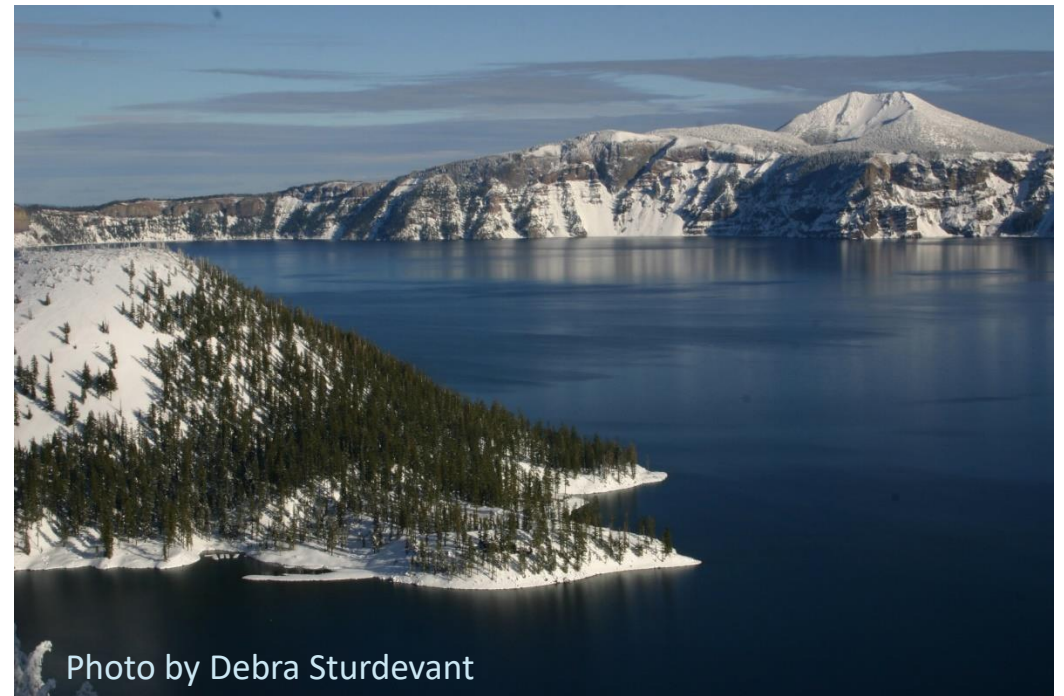
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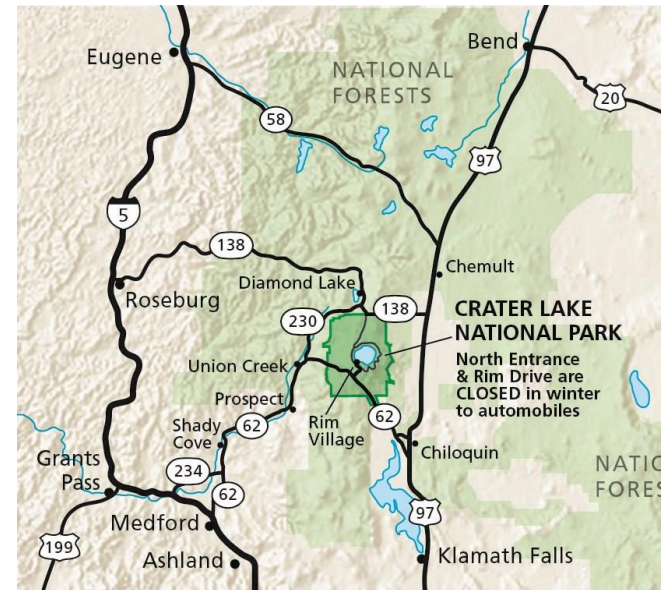
DEQ Recommendation

- Direct DEQ to include Crater Lake in the Outstanding Resource Waters designation rulemaking process with Waldo Lake
- Adopt appropriate policies to protect water quality of Crater Lake under the ORW designation.



Crater Lake

- Clear lake within volcanic crater
- Deepest lake in US.
- Unique and highly valued resource within Oregon's only National Park
- ORW designation would:
 - Recognize special status of Crater Lake
 - Complement federal and state objective to protect this waterbody.



Importance of Crater Lake

- Laboratory for long-term baseline water quality conditions
- Tribal significance
- Managed to maintain pristine nature



DEQ Recommendation

- DEQ recommends that the commission direct DEQ to include Crater Lake in the Outstanding Resource Waters designation rulemaking along with Waldo Lake and its associated wetlands, and develop appropriate policies to protect Crater Lake at the same time.