

*"A river seems a magic thing. A magic,
moving, living part of the very earth itself..."*
Laura Gilpin

THE RIVER

From its origin in meadows on the southwest side of Washington state's Mt. Adams, the 45 mile long White Salmon River travels through the Mt. Adams Wilderness to connect with Cascade Creek, a major tributary that begins on the White Salmon Glacier at about 11,000 feet altitude.

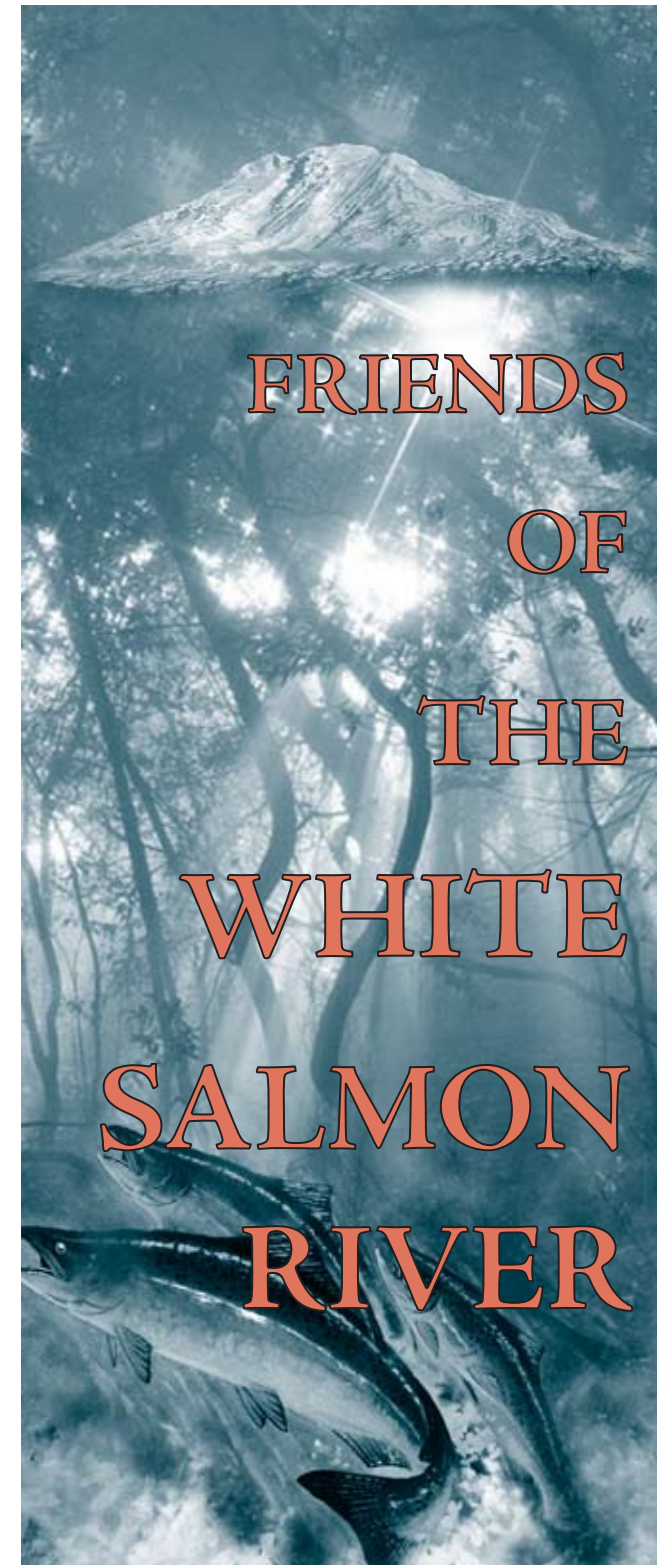
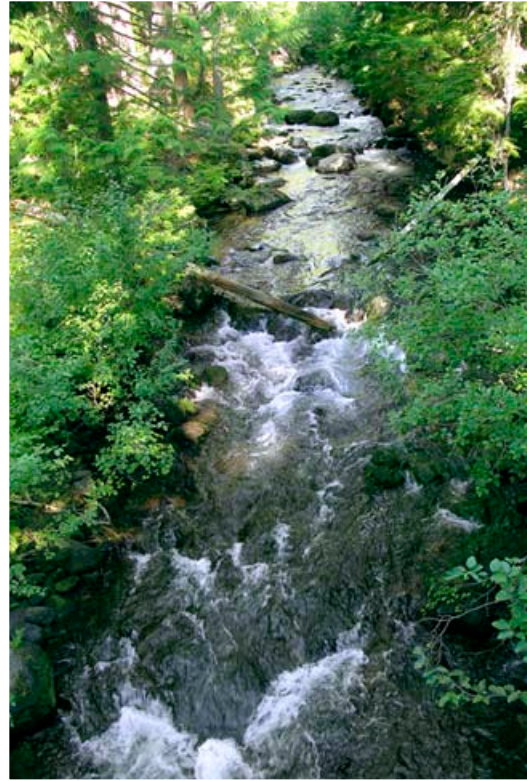
The river flows through Gifford Pinchot National Forest, passes farms, fields, and woodlands, recharges with water said to come through lava tubes from Indian Heaven Wilderness, runs over rapids, races through steep-walled deep narrow ravines, drops over falls, crosses a lake and flows over Condit Dam, finally to reach the Columbia River, at approximately 130 feet altitude.

The White Salmon and its main tributaries form an intricate life-supporting web that drains 386 square miles of land in Klickitat, Skamania and Yakima Counties.

Historically, the river was a very important fishing site for members of the Yakama and Klickitat tribes.

In 1986, a nine-mile section of the lower White Salmon River was designated a Wild and Scenic River, under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Twenty miles of the upper river and Cascade Creek, both located in the National Forest, have been designated by Congress for wild and scenic protection. The middle section is not a designated wild and scenic river.

The river supports farms, dairies, orchards, white-water rafting, kayaking, recreation, tourism, and fishing.



...for the music of water is the music of life...
Winston O. Abbott

THE FRIENDS

The mission of the Friends of the White Salmon River is to protect the river and its shoreline habitat, and to restore to the river naturally reproducing anadromous fish populations.

The Friends of the White Salmon River was organized in 1976 to successfully save the river from the construction of 7 dams proposed by the Klickitat County Public Utility District. In the 1990's, members testified at the FERC hearings in support of the removal of Condit Dam, a necessary step for the return of anadromous fish populations. The organization was a signatory to the agreement on removing the Dam.

In 2005 the Upper White Salmon River was designated a Wild and Scenic River. This was another achievement of the Friends, realized after years of work with congressmen and senators.

Members work to achieve this mission by:

- attending and testifying at hearings on zoning, shorelines use and preservation,
- writing letters to local, state and federal legislators about purposed legislation,
- educating about the Klickitat County Shoreline Plan,
- developing displays about the River's history,
- conducting field trips for elected officials and journalists and,
- holding events that introduce people to the river.

"The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives"
Native American proverb

HOW TO HELP

The Friends welcome help in achieving their goals. We are developing a list of people willing to participate in activities that support of our mission.

If you are interested in either volunteering help as needed, or in becoming a member of the Friends, please fill out the form, check the box indicating the level at which you wish to be involved, sign the form, tear off the page and mail it to The Friends at the address on the form.

The Friends does not have dues for membership. We do welcome monetary contributions.

If you wish to contribute please make your check out to The Friends of The White Salmon River and include it in an envelope with the membership form.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Complete and mail to:

Friends of the White Salmon River
PO Box 382,
Trout Lake, WA 98650

NAME
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

COMPANY

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MEMBERSHIP

VOLUNTEER HELPER

I agree to this mission statement:

The Friends of the White Salmon works to protect the White Salmon River and its shoreline habitat. The Friends seeks restoration of a naturally reproducing anadromous fish population in the White Salmon River.

SIGNATURE

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The Friends may also be contacted by e-mail
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