



FACTS ABOUT THE STRIP MINING THREAT

The Threat

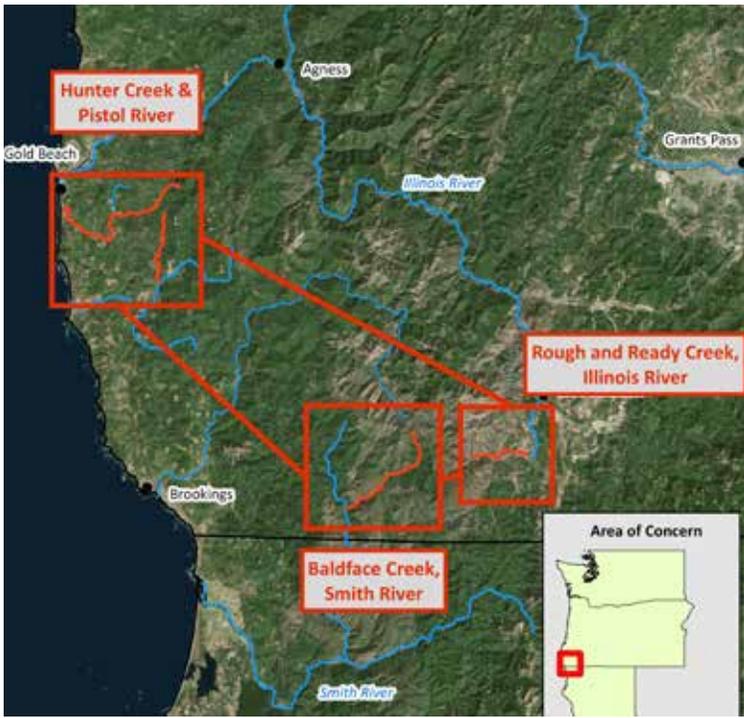
- Two mining companies want to develop three nickel strip mines at the headwaters of our region's finest wild rivers —home to some of the purest waters and most robust salmon runs in the nation.
- Hazards of metal mining and processing include toxic mine waste, pollution of surface and groundwater, plus air pollution and dust from mining activities. According to the U.S. EPA, metal mining is the most polluting industry in America.
- The impacts of nickel strip mines to our public lands and the extraordinary salmon streams flowing through them will be drastic, persistent, and irreversible.

What's at Risk

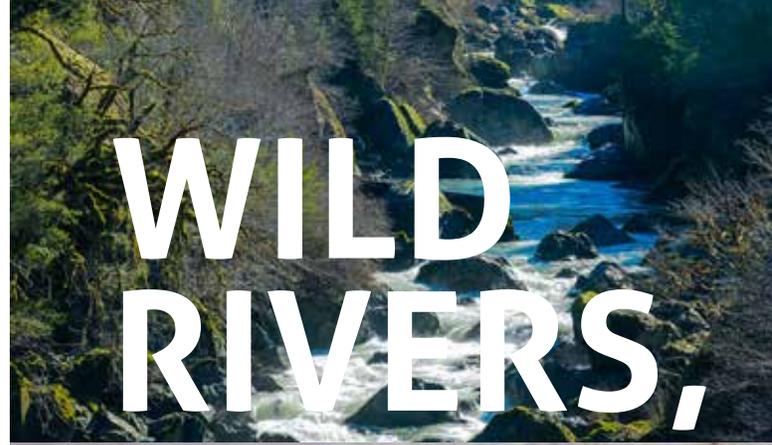
- Rough and Ready Creek, a tributary of the Wild and Scenic Illinois and Rogue rivers with the highest concentration of rare plants in Oregon, cherished community open space, and wild backcountry adjacent to Kalmiopsis Wilderness.
- North Fork Smith River, a major tributary of the National Wild and Scenic Smith River, with pure waters and a renowned salmon fishery, just over the California line and frequently fished by Curry County guides and residents.
- Baldface Creek, a pristine tributary of the North Fork Smith in the South Kalmiopsis Roadless Area. According to the Forest Service: "The world-class fishery of the Smith River depends on the water and fish produced in Baldface Creek."
- Hunter Creek and North Fork Pistol River—two beloved backyard rivers, known for native salmon and steelhead runs, plus designated and proposed Botanical Areas, and two BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.
- Thousands of acres of botanically rich National Forest and BLM lands in Southwest Oregon.
- Health, well-being, and pure drinking water of residents in communities downstream of the proposed mines.
- The vibrant outdoor recreation economies of local communities from angling and whitewater boating. In addition to the impacts on these businesses from pollution, open access to public lands will be restricted by mining operations.

A Solution: Mineral Withdrawal

- Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley (OR) and Rep. Peter DeFazio (OR) and Rep. Jared Huffman (CA) have introduced legislation— The Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015 — that would permanently withdraw threatened areas from new mining activities (i.e. a "mineral withdrawal") in order to protect the clean drinking water, outdoor recreation, and the commercial and sport--fishing economies that local communities rely upon
- To preserve the status quo and give Congress time to act, BLM has temporarily segregated the threatened lands and is currently considering a 5-year mineral withdrawal in aid of this legislation.



THREE POTENTIAL MINE SITES



WILD RIVERS,



WILD BREWS

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THREATEN SOME OF THE FINEST STREAMS IN THE US



Hunter Creek, OR



Baldface Creek, OR



Rough & Ready Creek, OR



Illinois River, OR



Pistol River, OR



Smith River, OR & CA