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The Rock Creek fish hatchery provides an important economic and educational resource to Oregon and Douglas County. The economic benefit of having a robust fishery in Douglas County provided jobs from ODFG employees, fishing suppliers, fishing guides, hotel and restaurant employees, boat maintenance and manufacturing, and the overall wellbeing of our community. In addition, Rock Creek provides educational opportunities to our children to learn about the outdoors, wildlife, and our natural resources.

The Umpqua River was once a world class fishery for salmon and steelhead. Due to many environmental man-made factors, the summer steelhead program is nearly dead. It is vitally important that we implement and maintain a salmon and steelhead hatchery program to protect this valuable resource.

Thank You

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