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I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to bringing hatchery summer steelhead production back to Rock Creek Hatchery. As a fishery biologist for almost 40 years, and someone who has studied these issues for a long time, it would be an atrocity to bring back summer steelhead production to that facility given the known impacts to wild fish production and the very low returns to summer steelhead in the North Umpqua River that have been observed for over a decade. Simple stated, it would be mismanagement of an important stock of fish in the state of Oregon.

If ODFW is interested in more hatchery fish production at Rock Creek Hatchery, they should focus on spring Chinook salmon and not summer steelhead.