

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-204

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Keep Bull Run water safe, secure and abundant for future generations

The Bull Run Watershed has been the source of Portland's drinking water for over 100 years. Located in the foothills of Mt. Hood, it provides consistent, high-quality drinking water for Portlanders and hundreds of thousands of Metro-area residents. Your vote for this ballot measure will ensure safe and abundant Bull Run drinking water for generations to come. The future of Portland's water depends on your Yes vote, to make sure the water we love stays accountable to Portland voters.

Currently, Portland City Code provides protections against development and tree-cutting in the watershed that nurtures Bull Run water. But City Code can be changed by a future City Council's vote. The City Charter is Portland's Constitution. If you vote Yes to put today's Code protections for the Bull Run watershed into the City Charter, only Portland voters will be able to allow development or other activities such as tree-cutting in our water source in the future. Only Portland voters will be able to approve a transfer to any private entity of City land or infrastructure within the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area that is integral to the delivery of municipal water.

I was a Registered Nurse working at OHSU for over two decades before Portlanders elected me to serve on your City Council eleven years ago. I know that fresh, pure drinking water is the most basic service Portlanders need. I am only the second woman ever to be the Commissioner in charge of the Portland Water Bureau. I see a huge gap that the Charter has no mention of the Bull Run drinking water supply. **Please join me in voting Yes on this common-sense measure to make sure our drinking water is owned by the people of Portland.**

Thank you,

Amanda Fritz

Portland City Commissioner

(This information furnished by Amanda Fritz.)

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Please vote **YES** to protect the Bull Run Watershed and Portland's water supply.

The Bull Run Watershed on the Mt. Hood National Forest has been providing pure, high-quality drinking water for the City of Portland since 1895. There is nothing more fundamental to a healthy community than protecting our drinking water.

Measure 26-204 would enshrine protections for lands owned by the City of Portland in the Bull Run Watershed in the Portland City Charter where they could only be changed by Portland voters in a future election. Currently, Bull Run protections on City-owned lands can much more easily be weakened by a simple vote of the City Council.

Securing these protections is essential to protecting not only our drinking water, but also the Bull Run's old growth forests and providing a largely undisturbed refuge for fish and wildlife including threatened salmon populations and northern spotted owls.

Measure 26-204 will ensure that these lands remain largely closed to public access, commercial logging, other land-disturbing activities, and sale to private entities. It will help ensure that this amazing place that provides drinking water for nearly 1 million people will remain protected in perpetuity.

Please vote YES on 26-204 to give the pure water, ancient forests, and fish and wildlife populations of the Bull Run the protection they need and deserve.

Join these leading conservation, community health, and environmental justice organizations in voting YES on 26-204!

Audubon Society of Portland
Center for Sustainable Economy
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Wild
Sandy River Watershed Council
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter
Urban Greenspace Institute
Verde
Wild Salmon Center
Willamette Riverkeeper

(This information furnished by Robert Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland.)