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Subject: FW: Politico story on CWR

Hey Jenny – can you change the headline to say Clean Water Rule instead of WOTUS? Folks have been using that for almost a year now.

I'm glad Ken's voice is in there, but especially with the random corn growers quote at the end, I'd hope you'd balance it out by talking to NRDC, Trout Unlimited, NWF, ASBC, any of the groups that have been hugely supportive of the CWR. Obviously there's a lot happening on the legal front, but we have as much support as we do opposition.

Let me know when you plan to write again, and I'll make sure you have the most recent statements from us. And if you need to talk to Ken again, I can try to make that happen too.

Thanks,

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All eyes on courts with WOTUS rule set to kick in Friday

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With EPA's controversial Clean Water Rule set to go into effect on Friday, all attention is now on the courts.

Federal judges in Georgia, North Dakota and West Virginia are mulling injunction requests from some of the 31 states and dozens of industry groups that have sued to block the rule with at least one judge on the record about her intention to issue a decision by Friday.

The rule seeks to clarify which waterways are overseen by the federal government. The current standard has long been a source of confusion and the Supreme Court has had to weigh in twice. The Obama administration set out to [clarify](#) the issue in early 2014, releasing a proposed rule that it said would make clear the reach of federal oversight and preserve long held exemptions for agriculture.