

Management Prescriptions

Applicable to All Areas

A01, F02

River segments eligible for suitability analysis as Wild and Scenic Rivers by Ranger District

Smokey Bear Ranger District (N. Fork Rio Ruidoso, Three Rivers, S. Fork Bonito, Duran Canyon, Hale Canyon, Pancho Canyon)

Sacramento Ranger District (Monument Canyon, Fresno Canyon, Dog Canyon, Upper Peñasco, Sacramento River)

Guadalupe Ranger District (Sitting Bull Falls, Last Chance Canyon, Turkey Canyon, Upper Dark Canyon, Big Canyon, N. McKittrick Canyon)

J12, T01

River corridors identified in the National River Inventory, or otherwise identified for suitability study, will be protected in the following ways:

Manage wild and scenic river study areas to protect existing characteristics through the study period and until designated or released from consideration. [FSM 2354.21]

Rivers identified for study are managed to maintain their outstanding values. [FSM 1924.03]

To the extent the Forest Service is authorized under law, control stream impoundments and diversions. The free flowing characteristics of the identified river cannot be modified. [FSH 1909.12, 8.12]

Outstandingly remarkable values of the identified river area must be protected and, to the extent practicable, enhanced. [FSH 1909.12, .12]

Management and development of the identified river and its corridor cannot be modified to the degree that eligibility or classification would be affected (i.e., classification cannot be changed from wild to scenic or scenic to recreational). [FSH 1909.12, 8.12]

The protection requirements will continue until a decision is made as to the future use of the river and adjacent lands. [FSH 1909.12, 8.12]

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Congressionally authorized rivers will be protected, as specified in Section 12(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, until the Congress takes action. [FSH 1909.12,8.12]

Specific management guidance for each of the river classifications can be found in the revised USDA-USDI Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification, and Management of River Areas (Chapter 9), and in the additional statements for study river assessment and management in Section 8.2 of Forest Service Handbook 1909.12. (see Appendix G – Wild, Scenic, Recreation River Guidelines). These guidelines should be applied to the extent of the Forest Service’s jurisdiction over Federal lands, Federal scenic or access easements, and other interests. They do not apply to privately owned lands.

