

Welcome

Wild & Scenic

Rivers



Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluation Process

The 2012 Planning Rule requires the Wild and Scenic Rivers evaluation process as part of the forest planning process. The process for WSR evaluation is outlined in FSM 1909.80.

1. Inventory (Required)
2. Eligibility (Required)
3. Classification (Required)
4. Suitability (Optional)

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The 2012 Planning Rule also requires the Forest Service to manage eligible and suitable rivers to protect their free flow water quality and Outstanding Remarkable Values (ORVs).

Wild and Scenic Rivers Inventory

- We looked at past inventories of eligible wild and scenic rivers and geographic areas to affirm they meet the comprehensive evaluation process.
- We identified gaps in geographic areas where additional inventory will need to be completed.
- We will share the results and solicit feedback on our inventory and findings in an appendix of the DEIS.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility

All previously inventoried and evaluated areas, including eligible and ineligible rivers, were reviewed for changed conditions/new info.

- If changed conditions/new info were identified, then adjustments were made to previous findings, as needed.
- If no new info or changed conditions existed, then we documented and reaffirmed the previous findings.

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For new inventory, an eligibility determination were made by completing a resource assessment.

- If found eligible, the candidate river was analyzed as to its current level of development and a recommendation was made that it be placed into one or more of three classes—wild, scenic or recreational.

Classification

- Wild, Scenic or Recreational



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Suitability

- Will not be included in Plans.
- Timeframe TBD.



Wild and Scenic River Round Table Questions

- How can the Forest Service improve the process for identifying Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs)?
 - ✓ ORVs can include scenery, recreation, geology, fish and wildlife populations and habitat, prehistory and others.
- How can the Forest Service best engage the public in developing the Wild and Scenic Rivers Inventory, Eligibility & **Classification**?

