

METADATA
Wild and Scenic River Corridor
(WildScenicRiverCorridor)

Summary (Purpose): The WildScenicRiverCorridor GIS layer contains those river segments which have been designated as wild, scenic and/or recreational under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and which border and/or intersect Bitterroot National Forest lands. The river segments in this layer are excerpted from a nationwide layer of wild and scenic rivers which has been created and managed by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Council and the Department of the Interior.

Wild and scenic rivers are assigned one or more classifications: wild, scenic, or recreational. These classifications are based on the developmental character of the river on the date of designation. Wild rivers are the most remote and undeveloped while recreational rivers often have many access points, roads, and/or bridges.

The layer consists of polygons which represent river corridors which may extend beyond the actual normal river's flow. The purpose of the data is to provide display, identification, and analysis tools for determining current boundary information for Forest Service managers, GIS Specialists, and others.

Description (Abstract): The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was an outgrowth of the recommendations of a Presidential commission, the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission (ORRRC). Among other things, the commission recommended that the nation protect wild rivers and scenic rivers from development that would substantially change their wild or scenic nature. The act was sponsored by Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968. A river or river section may be designated by the U.S. Congress or the Secretary of the Interior. Boundary information is maintained by the national Automated Lands Program (ALP). ALP is an information management program with the mission to digitally track all Forest Service land status and survey management data.

Attributes:

DESIGNATED: Name of the designated Wild and Scenic River Corridor.

RIVER: Name of the river segment and the State in which it occurs.

BOUNDARYST: Status of the mapped boundary of the river segment's corridor. May be: "Final" or "Provisional, Subject to Change".

GIS_ACRES: Area within the river segment's mapped corridor, in Acres.

CLASSIFICA: Classification of this river segment as "Wild", "Scenic" or "Recreational"

Coordinate System:

Type: Projected

Geographic Coordinate Reference: GCS North American 1983

Datum: D_North_America_1983

Projection: NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_11N

Unit: Meters

Use Limitation: The Forest Service uses the most current and complete data available. GIS data and product accuracy may vary. They may be developed from sources of differing accuracy; accurate only at certain scales; based on modeling or interpretation; incomplete while being created or revised; etc. Using GIS products for purposes other than those for which they were created, may yield inaccurate or misleading results. The Forest Service reserves the right to correct, update, modify or replace GIS products without notification.