



# **SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST WILD & SCENIC RIVERS FIELD REVIEW PACKET**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest leadership wants and needs your help with identifying rivers eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

## **FEEDBACK CONSIDERATIONS**

All feedback provided to us is important, but the most helpful comments will address specific river segments and the outstandingly remarkable value(s) for which each segment was identified in the [Draft Eligibility Report](#).

Images can be incredibly helpful to show whether or not an outstandingly remarkable value is present on a given segment. Images are only useful, though, if provided with context. So, we ask that individuals submitting images provide the following information with each image:

- the name of the river segment
- the outstandingly remarkable value addressed in the image
- geotags in the image metadata, coordinates where the image was taken, or a detailed written description of location

## **SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK**

Feedback can be submitted in a number of ways.

Our [online feedback tool](#) allows users to provide written comments and upload attachments up to 50 megabytes in size. Since today's high-resolution images can be fairly large files, it may be necessary to submit more than one comment when providing multiple images.

Feedback can also be e-mailed to [scnf\\_plan\\_rev@fs.fed.us](mailto:scnf_plan_rev@fs.fed.us). Check with your e-mail service provider for attachment size limitations to ensure we receive your e-mail.

If mailing feedback to us, send it to:

Salmon-Challis National Forest  
ATTN: FPR  
1206 S. Challis Street  
Salmon, ID 83467

We can also accept feedback in person at the Supervisor's Office. Please contact Jessica Schick at 208-756-5579 to arrange for a file transfer from a thumb drive, phone or camera.

## WHERE TO REVIEW

Each segment in the [Draft Eligibility Report](#) was identified for specific outstandingly remarkable values present on that segment. The list below summarizes the findings of the [Draft Eligibility Report](#).

| River Name                 | Length in miles | Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s) | Preliminary Classification                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Alder Creek 2              | 2.4             | Cultural                          | Wild   |
| Bear Creek 6               | 4.6             | Geologic                          | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational   |
| Bear Valley Creek 1        | 9.7             | Recreational, Fish, Ecological    | Segment A: Scenic<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Bear Valley Creek 2        | 1.6             | Geologic                          | Scenic                                       |
| Beaver Creek 1             | 16.1            | Fish                              | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational   |
| Big Creek 2                | 5.6             | Scenic                            | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Scenic         |
| Big Timber Creek           | 12.2            | Fish                              | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Scenic         |
| Cabin Creek 4              | 5.4             | Scenic, Geologic                  | Wild   |
| Camas Creek                | 33.1            | Scenic, Recreational, Ecological  | Segments A & C: Wild<br>Segment B: Scenic    |
| Cape Horn Creek            | 9.7             | Fish, Ecological                  | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational   |
| Cherry Creek 1             | 5.3             | Cultural                          | Recreational                                 |
| Clear Creek 1              | 18.1            | Fish                              | Wild   |
| DeWitt Creek               | 1.2             | Cultural                          | Scenic                                       |
| East Fork Big Lost River   | 22.2            | Scenic, Historic, Geologic, Fish  | Recreational                                 |
| East Fork Pahsimeroi River | 6.9             | Scenic, Geologic, Fish            | Scenic                                       |
| East Pass Creek            | 12.6            | Fish                              | Wild   |
| Elk Creek 1                | 8.1             | Scenic, Fish                      | Wild   |
| Fall Creek 1               | 8.1             | Scenic, Recreational              | Wild   |
| Firebox Creek              | 3.1             | Fish                              | Scenic                                       |
| Ford Creek 1               | 1.0             | Cultural                          | Wild   |
| Hayden Creek               | 12.3            | Recreational, Fish                | Segment A: Scenic<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Herd Creek                 | 2.6             | Fish                              | Wild   |
| Horse Creek 4              | 25.4            | Fish                              | Segment A: Recreational<br>Segment B: Wild   |
| Indian Creek 4             | 20.5            | Fish                              | Wild   |
| Kane Creek                 | 9.4             | Scenic                            | Scenic                                       |
| Kenney Creek               | 5.4             | Ecological                        | Wild   |

| <b>River Name</b>         | <b>Length in miles</b> | <b>Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s)</b>               | <b>Preliminary Classification</b>          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Knapp Creek               | 16.2                   | Fish   | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Lake Creek 2              | 8.1                    | Scenic, Recreational                                   | Recreational                               |
| Lightning Creek           | 8.1                    | Scenic   | Wild                                       |
| Little Basin Creek        | 5.3                    | Cultural   | Wild                                       |
| Little Ditch Creek        | 1.5                    | Botanical  | Recreational                               |
| Lola Creek                | 4.1                    | Scenic   | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Long Lost Creek           | 8.7                    | Recreational   | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Loon Creek Segment A      | 5.8                    | Recreational, Cultural, Fish                           | Recreational                               |
| Loon Creek Segment B      | 20.5                   | Scenic, Geologic, Cultural, Fish, Wildlife, Recreation | Wild                                       |
| Lower Cedar Creek         | 4.6                    | Recreational, Geologic                                 | Wild                                       |
| Mahogany Creek 3          | 3.5                    | Scenic, Ecological                                     | Wild                                       |
| Main Fork                 | 5.4                    | Fish   | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Marble Creek              | 13.3                   | Recreational, Fish                                     | Wild                                       |
| Marsh Creek Segment A     | 6.0                    | Scenic, Recreational, Fish                             | Recreational                               |
| Marsh Creek Segment B     | 4.0                    | Recreational   | Wild                                       |
| McKey Creek               | 2.0                    | Cultural   | Wild                                       |
| Mill Creek 3              | 10.6                   | Cultural, Historical                                   | Recreational                               |
| Muldoon Canyon            | 11.8                   | Geologic   | Scenic                                     |
| Muskeg Creek              | 1.9                    | Scenic, Recreational, Geologic                         | Scenic                                     |
| North Fork Big Lost River | 23.8                   | Fish   | Recreational                               |
| North Fork Salmon River   | 8.8                    | Fish   | Recreational                               |
| Pahsimeroi River          | 1.5                    | Scenic, Fish, Geologic                                 | Scenic                                     |
| Panther Creek             | 38.5                   | Scenic, Recreational, Fish, Wildlife, Cultural         | Recreational                               |
| Pass Creek                | 2.7                    | Scenic, Recreational, Geologic                         | Recreational                               |
| Patterson Creek 1         | 8.6                    | Scenic, Ecological                                     | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Pistol Creek              | 18.6                   | Fish   | Wild                                       |
| Rapid River Segment A     | 8.6                    | Fish   | Recreational                               |
| Rapid River Segment B     | 8.1                    | Recreational, Fish                                     | Wild                                       |
| Rush Creek                | 3.8                    | Scenic   | Wild                                       |
| Salmon River              | 1.4                    | Wildlife   | Recreational                               |
| Sawmill Creek 4           | 1.7                    | Cultural   | Recreational                               |
| Sheep Creek 8             | 5.6                    | Fish   | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Smithie Creek             | 3.8                    | Fish   | Recreational                               |

| River Name                         | Length in miles | Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s)          | Preliminary Classification                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Soldier Creek 1                    | 1.3             | Scenic, Recreational, Geologic, Ecological | Wild   |
| Star Hope Creek                    | 17              | Geologic                                   | Segment A: Scenic<br>Segment B: Recreational |
| Sulphur Creek 3                    | 15.1            | Fish                                       | Scenic                                       |
| Summit Creek 1 Segment A           | 4.3             | Scenic, Recreational                       | Scenic                                       |
| Summit Creek 1 Segment B           | 7.6             | Recreational                               | Recreational                                 |
| Tenmile Creek 2                    | 4.3             | Geologic                                   | Wild   |
| Warm Spring Creek 2                | 8.5             | Recreational, Geologic                     | Segments A & C: Wild<br>Segment B: Scenic    |
| Warm Spring Creek 3                | 18.6            | Scenic, Recreational, Fish, Geologic       | Wild   |
| West Fork Camas Creek Segment A    | 4.5             | Scenic, Fish                               | Wild   |
| West Fork Camas Creek Segment B    | 5.5             | Fish                                       | Scenic                                       |
| West Fork Pahsimeroi River         | 5.8             | Scenic, Fish, Botanical                    | Segment A: Wild<br>Segment B: Recreational   |
| West Fork Yankee Fork              | 13.5            | Scenic, Fish                               | Scenic                                       |
| Wildhorse Creek Segment A          | 6.9             | Scenic, Recreational, Geologic             | Scenic                                       |
| Wildhorse Creek Segment B          | 8.1             | Recreational, Fish                         | Recreational                                 |
| Yankee Fork Salmon River Segment A | 13.5            | Scenic, Recreational, Fish                 | Recreational                                 |
| Yankee Fork Salmon River Segment B | 13.9            | Recreational, Fish, Cultural, Geologic     | Recreational                                 |
| Yellowjacket Creek                 | 20.9            | Recreational, Fish, Ecological             | Recreational                                 |

Detailed locations for each segment are available in our [interactive map](#).

## WHAT TO REVIEW

When field verifying the presence of outstandingly remarkable values, it is helpful to understand what we are considering. Our two main things considerations are regions of comparison and outstandingly remarkable values.

### Regions of Comparison

To be considered outstandingly remarkable, a river-related value must be a unique, rare, or exemplary feature that is significant at a comparative regional or national scale. Different values have different regions of comparison, but the applicable region of comparison for each segment is the region in which the segment is found. You can verify a region of comparison on this [interactive map](#). Please familiarize yourself with the different regions of comparison listed within the eligibility criteria and consider them when conducting your review.

## Outstandingly Remarkable Values

The following values are looked at when determining whether or not a river is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System: botanical, ecological, fisheries, geologic, recreation, scenic, historic and cultural, wildlife values and other similar river-related values.

Please use the following information as a guide when reviewing segment values.

### Botanical Value

#### **Region of Comparison:**

#### **Environmental Protection Agency level-3 ecoregion where the segment is located**

Does the river segment contain important botanical elements such as rare plant species? Rare plant species include those that are: federally-listed candidate, threatened, or endangered species; state-listed species; Forest Service-tracked species; species of conservation concern; or those that are considered at risk or are tracked by a state natural heritage organization.

### Ecological Value

#### **Region of Comparison:**

#### **Environmental Protection Agency level-3 ecoregion where the segment is located**

Does the river segment have important elements such as rare communities or ecosystems, watersheds with special ecological values, or those that are the focus of special ecological management? These resources are distinct from those evaluated under the fish, wildlife, and botanical outstandingly remarkable values because they cannot be expressed as a sole function of one of these values on their own.

### Fisheries Values

#### **Region of Comparison:**

#### **The hydrological unit code 6 drainage where the segment is located**

#### **Habitat**

Does this river provide uniquely diverse or high quality habitat for fish species indigenous to the region of comparison? Of particular significance is exemplary habitat for wild stocks and federal or state-listed species, or candidate threatened or endangered species, or species of conservation concern. Also, rare and unique habitats in the corridor are taken into consideration.

### Populations

Is the river a nationally or regionally important producer of resident or anadromous fish species or both? Of particular significance are diversity of fish species or the presence of wild stocks or federally or state-listed or candidate threatened or endangered species or species of conservation concern. Also, the cultural and historical significance should be a consideration.

## Geologic Value

### Region of Comparison:

#### Physiographic province in which the segment is located

Does the river corridor contain one or more examples of a geologic feature, process, or phenomenon that is unique, rare, or exemplary within the region of comparison? The features may be in an unusually active stage of development, may represent a textbook example, or may represent a unique, rare, or exemplary combination of geologic features, such as erosional, volcanic, glacial, or other geologic structures.

## Recreation Value

### Region of Comparison:

#### The hydrological unit code 6 drainage where the segment is located

Does the river segment offer recreation opportunities and experiences that are high quality and attract, or have the potential to attract, visitors from throughout or beyond the region of comparison, or are they unique or rare within the region? Water-based recreational opportunities primarily include fishing, swimming, and boating.

Characteristics of a river corridor also influence other land-based recreational opportunities; however, these activities are not solely dependent on the river. Land-based activities include sightseeing, interpretation, wildlife observation, camping, photography, hunting, and hiking. Accordingly, recreational outstandingly remarkable values are those that contribute to unique water- and land-based recreation opportunities and user experiences in a river corridor.

## Scenic Value

### Region of Comparison:

#### The hydrological unit code 10 drainage where the segment is located

Do landscape elements of landform, vegetation, water, color, and related factors result in notable or exemplary visual features or attractions on this river segment? Additional factors, such as seasonal variations in vegetation, scale of cultural modifications, and the length of time negative intrusions are viewed, may be considered. Scenery and visual attractions may be highly diverse over different parts of the river or river segment. Outstandingly remarkable scenic features may occupy only a small portion of a river corridor.

## Wildlife Values

### Region of Comparison:

#### Environmental Protection Agency level-3 ecoregion where the segment is located

### Populations

Does the river, or area in the river corridor, contains nationally or regionally important populations of indigenous wildlife species? Of particular significance are species diversity, species considered to be unique, or populations of federally or state-listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or species of conservation concern.

## **Habitat**

Does the river, or area in the river corridor, provides uniquely diverse or high quality habitat for wildlife of national or regional significance? It also may provide unique habitat or a critical link in habitat conditions for federally or state-listed or candidate threatened or endangered species, or species of conservation concern. Contiguous habitat conditions are such that the biological needs of the species are met.

## **Historic and Cultural Resources**

The river, or area within the river corridor, contains important evidence of historic or pre-historic occupation or use by humans. Sites may have national or regional importance for interpreting history or prehistory.

Cultural resources are protected by the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. Locations for these types of resources may not be disclosed to the public (16 U.S.C. 470hh). So, we have chosen not to disclose the exact locations of cultural resources on the interactive map or any other products. The public can still provide feedback on cultural resources using the field review sheet found in this packet.

## **History**

Sites or features are associated with a significant event, an important person, or a cultural activity of the past that is now rare or unique in the region. A historic site or feature, in most cases, is 50 years old or older.

## **Prehistory**

Sites of prehistoric human use or occupation may have unique or rare characteristics or exemplary anthropological value such as evidence of prehistoric human practices and modes of living. Areas within the river corridor may have been used for rare sacred purposes, or represent the origin or conflict of cultures.

## **Other Similar River-related Values**

While no specific national evaluation guidelines have been developed for this category, determinations may be developed for other values that may be outstandingly remarkable, including but not limited to hydrologic, paleontologic, scientific, and heritage values.

River Segment:

Outstandingly Remarkable Value:

Region of Comparison:

Review:

River Segment:

Outstandingly Remarkable Value:

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