

38. Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers

Goals: To maintain, enhance and protect the free-flowing character and outstandingly remarkable values of rivers and river segments recommended for inclusion into the National Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System.

Objectives: Manage the 31 rivers (or segments) recommended for designation as Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers, pending designation by Congress, to maintain the eligibility of the total miles of river for the Wild, Scenic or Recreational classification. Approximately 536 miles of rivers on the Tongass are included in this recommendation:

- Wild 359.5 miles
- Scenic 87.5 miles
- Recreational 89.0 miles

Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Question: *Are Wild, Scenic and Recreational River standards effective in maintaining or enhancing the free-flowing conditions and outstandingly remarkable values at the classification level for which the river was found suitable for designation as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System?*

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation must be completed on a river-by-river basis as the outstandingly remarkable values vary for each river. Depending on the activity, different resource specialists will provide information as to whether or not the values for which the rivers have been recommended have been enhanced or impacted.

Sampling/Reporting Period

There is an annual sampling period and a five-year reporting period.

Monitoring Results

No site-specific monitoring was completed in 2014. There were no projects proposed that included effects to proposed Wild, Scenic or Recreational River characteristics and no NEPA documents completed that evaluated impacts to Wild, Scenic or Recreational River characteristics.