

UPPER WHITE SALMON

WILD AND SCENIC RIVER CRMP PRE-PLANNING

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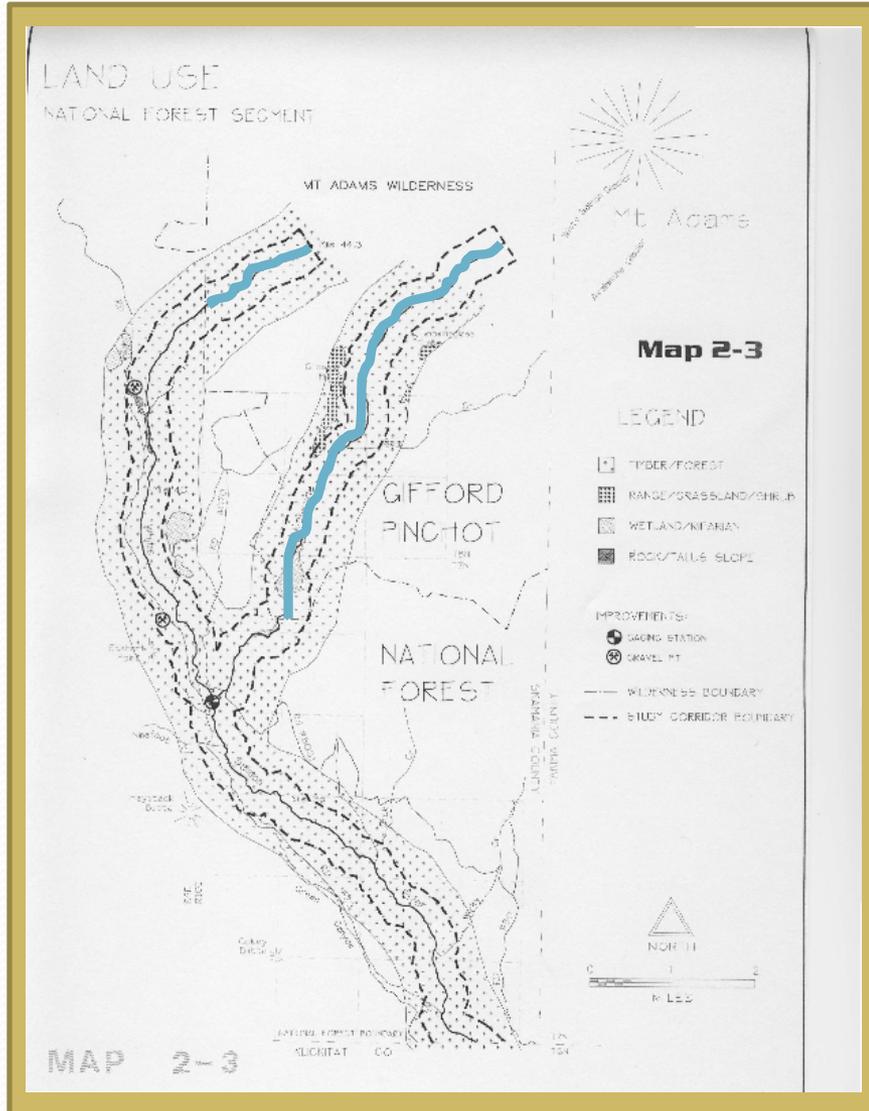
Designation

Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

August 2, 2005. Public Law 109-44 109th congress.

“The 20 miles of river segments of the main stem of the White Salmon River and Cascade Creek, Washington, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following classifications:”

Location

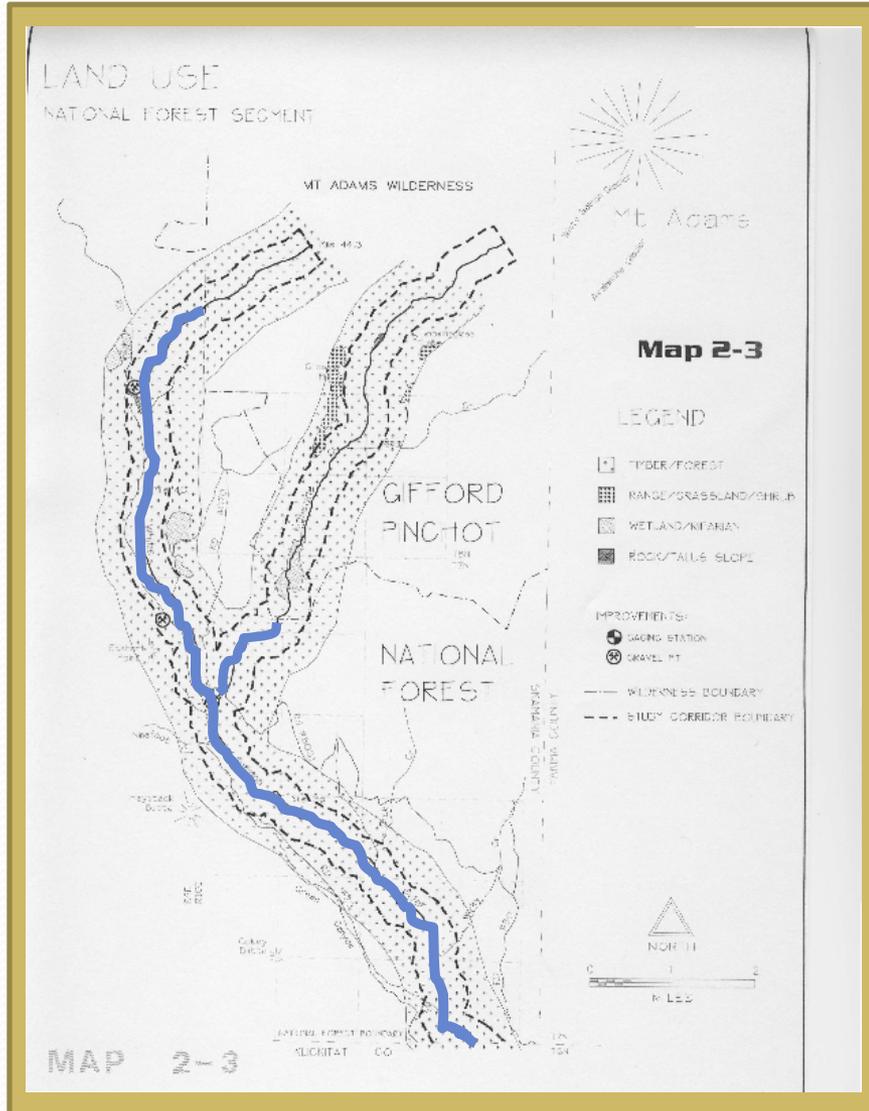


WILD CLASSIFICATION

“...are free of impoundments and generally inaccessible except by trail, with watersheds or shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted. These represent vestiges of primitive America...”

- Main stem White Salmon headwaters to Wilderness boundary
 - River mile 42.7-44.3 (1.6 miles)
- Cascade Creek headwaters to Wilderness boundary
 - 5.1 miles

Location



SCENIC CLASSIFICATION

“...are free of impoundments with shorelines or watersheds still largely primitive and shorelines largely undeveloped, but accessible in places by roads..

- Cascade Creek from Mt. Adams Wilderness boundary to confluence with the White Salmon River
 - 1.5 miles
- Main stem of the White Salmon River from the Mt. Adams Wilderness boundary to the Forest Boundary
 - River Mile 30.9-42.7 (11.8 miles)

Outstandingly Remarkable Values

- Resources that are either unique or exemplary from a regional or national standpoint
 - Unique-resource or combinations of resources are one of a kind in the region or nation
 - Exemplary-one of the better examples of that type of resource
- Comparative analyses criterion developed
 - Criterion varied by resource
 - Columbia River Gorge area selected for comparison

Outstandingly Remarkable Values

- Geologic
 - Avalanche Glacier presence and formation
- Hydrologic
 - Consistently reliable flows
- Scenic
 - Headwaters provide striking landscape features
- Wildlife
 - Spotted owl habitat conservation area, pileated woodpecker area, pine marten areas

Statutory Direction

- Establish a detailed river corridor boundary of an average of not more than 320 acres per river mile within 1 year from the date of designation.
- Prepare a CRMP within three full-fiscal years after the date of designation.
 - CRMP must:
 - Describe the existing resource conditions including a detailed description of the ORV's.
 - Define the goals and desired conditions for protecting river values.
 - Address development of lands and facilities.
 - Address user capacities.
 - Address water quality issues and in stream flow requirements.
 - Reflect a collaborative approach with all stakeholders.
 - Identify regulatory authorities of other govt. agencies that assist in protecting river values.
 - Include a monitoring strategy to maintain desired conditions.

Current/Interim Management

- Management Area Categories provide layer of protection
 - WSR-Protect Wild, Scenic or Rec. river characteristics
 - Wilderness-Preserve wilderness Character...allow for natural processes...etc..
 - 6.6 miles and approx. 2,000 acres within Mt. Adams Wilderness
 - Visual Emphasis-including 23 rd view shed management area
 - Wildlife emphasis-Provide habitat for one or more reproducing pair of spotted owl, pileated woodpecker, or for one or more breeding female pine marten

Current/Interim Management

- Example of Guidelines for WSR MAC
 - Default ¼ mile boundary
 - Visual Quality Objectives-preservation and retention
 - Recreational Opportunity Spectrum-Special area, Roaded Natural
 - Facilities-not permitted in Wild segment; may be established but must be widely spaced, screened from the river and blend with the natural landscape
 - Livestock grazing permitted
 - Timber harvest will not be scheduled and ordinary timber salvage is not permitted in wild river corridors. Timber harvest will not be scheduled in management areas assigned the NA prescription
 - Common mineral material sources should not be developed
 - Roads not permitted in Wild River corridors. Roads allowed in Scenic corridors, but should be infrequent and inconspicuous.

2012-Looking Forward

- Upper White Salmon WSR planning Identified as one of the forests work priorities
 - 14 days budgeted to work on CRM planning
 - Priorities?
 - How can we work together to move this CRMP forward?

Questions and Thank you!



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