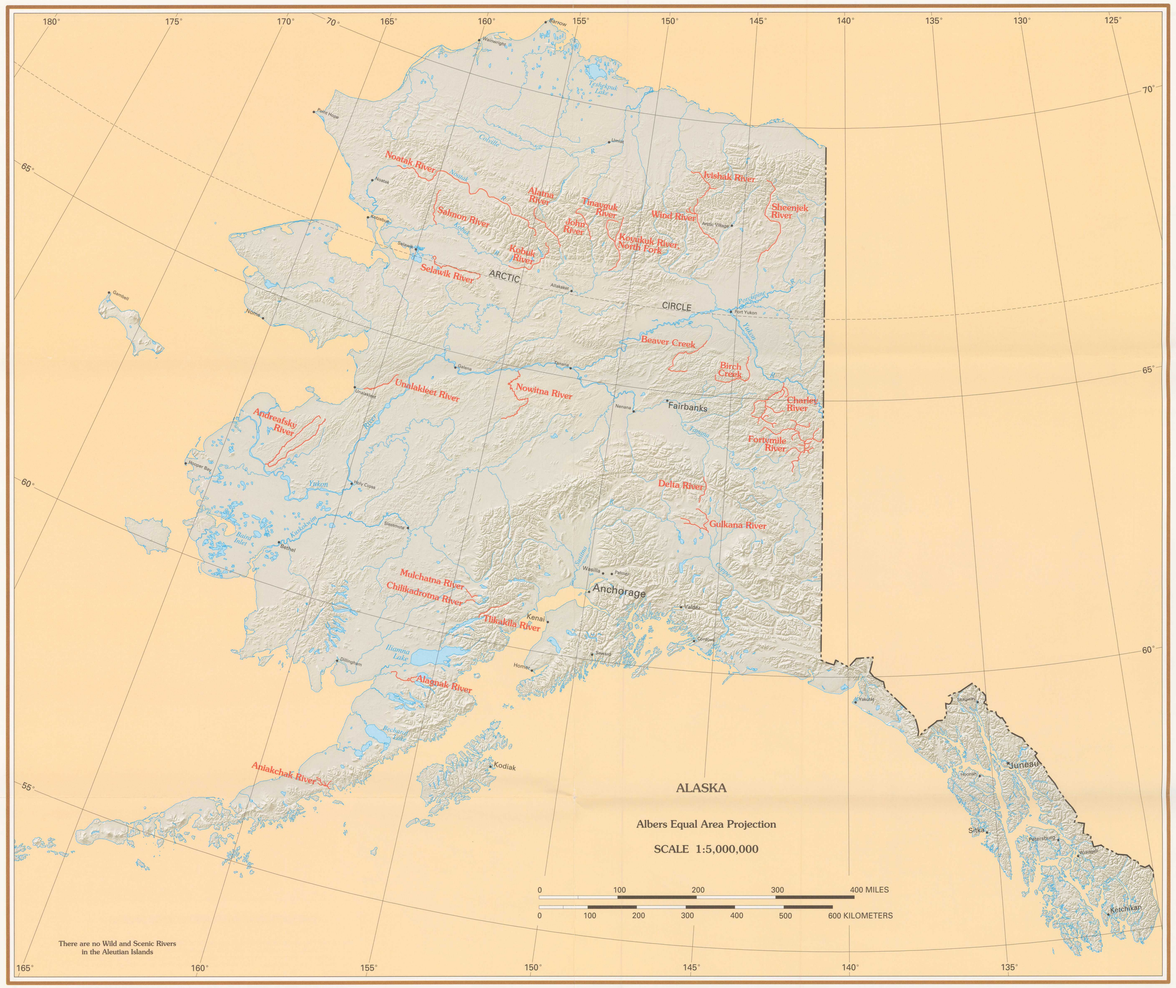

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM
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Alagnak River
Katmai National Park and Preserve, Post Office Box 7, King Salmon, Alaska 99613
The Alagnak River, originating in Katmai National Preserve's Kukaklek Lake, has abundant wildlife, including brown bear, moose, beaver, river otter, bald eagle, and osprey. Visitors enjoy the fishing along this clear, braided river, as well as the striking changes in landscape — large undeveloped lakes, boreal forest, wet sedge tundra, shrubby islands, and class I-III rapids.

Alatna River
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
The stream lies partially within the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve in the Central Brooks Range of Alaska. Wildlife, scenery and interesting geologic features abound in the river corridor.

Allagash River
Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, Department of Conservation, Augusta, Maine 04333
From the top of Mt. Katahdin, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway stretches northward as far as the eye can see. The river winds through swampy conifer forests and between ridges of hardwoods. This resource includes Allagash Lake, the Allagash River, and several interconnecting lakes.

Allegheny River
Allegheny National Forest, 222 Liberty Street, Post Office Box 847,
Warren, Pennsylvania, 16365
Named 'La Belle Riviere' by French explorers, this 87 miles of the Allegheny flows through areas of narrow forest valleys, wilderness islands, and broad, rural landscapes rich with the early history and culture of the region. Good public access and few hazards make this an ideal river for novice and family canoeing. Fishing for muskie, walleye, rainbow trout, and smallmouth bass is popular.

American River, North Fork
California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 311,
Sacramento, California 95814
This short stretch of river, flowing through the city of Sacramento, is the most heavily used recreation river in California. It provides an urban greenway for trail and boating activities and is also known for its runs of steelhead trout and salmon.

American River, North Fork
Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield District, 3801 Pegasus Drive,
Bakersfield, California 93308
Tahoe National Forest, 631 Coyote Street, Nevada City, California 95950
This wild river is noted for its outstanding scenery, remote recreation, and historic gold mining values. About half of the river is accessible by steep historic trails. Gorge scrambling is the most popular activity, followed by hiking, flying and rafting.

Andreafsky River
Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 346, Bethel, Alaska 99559
Located entirely within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, the high islands around both forks of the Andreafsky are one of two known nesting areas for the bristle-thighed curlew. The river basin is an important raptor nesting area and provides high-quality spawning habitat for king, chum, pink and silver salmon.

Aniakchak River
Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, Post Office Box 7,
King Salmon, Alaska 99613
Lying entirely within Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve, you can float the river from inside the caldera of a volcano to the ocean past spectacular wildlife and geology. The river moves swiftly through a narrow gorge, the deepest and most scenic section of the river gorge may be seen from overlooks at Pipestem. A major portion of the lands are managed by the state to provide hunting opportunities; wild turkey is the featured species.

Au Sable River
Huron-Manistee National Forest, 1755 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601
The Au Sable may just be the finest brown trout flyfishing east of the Rockies. If that were not enough reason to visit the river, the Au Sable is also one of the best canoeing rivers in the Midwest.

Bear Creek
Huron-Manistee National Forest, 1755 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601
The lower 6.5 miles of Bear Creek meanders through lush swamps, rolling hills, and farm land. Limited access and development enhance the quiet, scenic character. There are healthy populations of both resident trout and anadromous steelhead trout and salmon.

Beaver Creek
Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Avenue,
Box 14, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
A Beaver Creek float trip includes road access with remoteness. Putting in at the Lower Nome Creek Campground, less than a three hour drive from Fairbanks, you can paddle for three weeks without passing under a bridge. This uncrowded, arctic stream flows by way of rugged limestone ridges of the White Mountains National Recreation Area, which offer wonderful vistas and good hiking.

Big and Little Darby Creeks
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves,
Fountain Square, Columbus, Ohio 43224
Big and Little Darby Creeks are located in the corn belt region of Ohio within an easy drive of Columbus. These streams boast some of the highest biological diversity in the Midwest with 86 species of fish and 35 species of bivalve mollusks.

Big Marsh Creek
Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Post Office Box 6010,
Bend, Oregon 97701
Big Marsh Creek meanders through a rare high mountain marsh to its confluence with Crescent Creek. The upper portion of the river is in the Oregon Cascades National Recreation Area where there are great opportunities for viewing scenery and observing wildlife.

Big Piney Creek
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, 605 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801
The distinctive scenery of Big Piney Creek is characterized by its sandstone bluffs, waterfalls, still pools, and stands of oak, hickory and pine. It is a popular recreation site for canoeing, fishing and camping.

Big Sur River
Los Padres National Forest, 6144 Calle Real, Goleta, California 93117
Located in the Ventana Wilderness, this river offers outstanding opportunities for hiking, camping, swimming and fishing. It is one of the longest coastal California streams lined with redwoods.

Birch Creek
Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
From its headwaters north of the Steese National Conservation Area, this river flows swiftly through upland plateaus, forested valleys, and rolling hills where river travelers often see moose, caribou, arctic grayling, and a variety of birds. Because it is accessible by road and close to Fairbanks, this is one of Alaska's more popular float rivers. There are short stretches of rapids to challenge paddling enthusiasts.

Black Creek
DeSoto National Forest, 654 West Frontage Road, Wiggins, Mississippi 39577
This scenic southern river features deep, black water and contrasting white sand bars as it follows a meandering course through bottomland hardwoods. The high bluffs and steep grades provide a variety of opportunities for backpacking and fishing and six launch points provide for canoeing.

Black River
Ottawa National Forest, E6248 U.S. Highway 2, Ironwood, Michigan 49938
The Black River provides outstanding scenery, unique geographical features, superb fisheries, cultural history, and abundant recreation opportunities. The many waterfalls, rapids, and gorge-like landscapes combine with the north slopes' mix of large hemlock and eastern white pine, has long been recognized as a distinctive resource.

Bluestone River
New River Gorge National River, Post Office Box 246, Glen Jean, West Virginia 25846
The lower 10 miles of the designated segment flow through an 800-foot deep gorge and offer warmwater fishing, whitewater boating when water level permits, and hiking along the river on a trail between Bluestone and Pipestem State Parks. Spectacular views of the river gorge may be seen from overlooks at Pipestem. A major portion of the lands are managed by the state to provide hunting opportunities; wild turkey is the featured species.

Buffalo River
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, 605 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801
This segment of the river is the headwaters for the Buffalo National River and flows through the Upper Buffalo Wilderness on the north slopes of the Boston Mountains. The river is a foraging area for gray and Indiana bats that inhabit the numerous caves in the vicinity of the river corridor.

Cache la Poudre River
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, 240 West Prospect,
Fort Collins, Colorado 80526
Flowing from above treeline in Rocky Mountain National Park, the river is characterized by pools, cascades and waterfalls as it descends into a dense spruce-fir forest. Recreation includes outstanding whitewater boating, excellent backpacking, fishing, camping, picnicking and hiking.

Carp River
Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, Michigan 49829
The Carp River flows through predominantly forested lands with little development along its way. Spring's high water period provides for canoeing and offers steelhead fishing and dipping for smelt near the river's mouth. Summer is the time for brook trout in the upper reaches, which offer wonderful vistas and good hiking.

Charley River
Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, Post Office Box 167, Eagle, Alaska 99738
The exceptionally clear Charley River is completely contained within Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. The river drops 32 feet/mile in its upper reaches and offers whitewater challenges during high water; during low water flows, it is mild and can be enjoyed by many. Bighorn sheep, caribou, peregrine falcon, moose and bears may be seen along its banks. This is one of the few rivers designated for its entire length.

Chattooga River
Chattahoochee National Forest, 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, Georgia 30501
Nantahala National Forest, 160A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801
Sumter National Forest, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212
Flowing through three states and the Ellicott Rock Wilderness, the Chattooga is recognized as one of the Southeast's premier whitewater rivers. The Chattooga offers outstanding scenery ranging from thundering falls and twisting rock-choked channels to narrow, cliff-enclosed deep pools. Dense forests and undeveloped shorelines characterize the primitive nature of the river corridor.

Chetco River
Siskiyou National Forest, Post Office Box 440, Grants Pass, Oregon 97528
The outstanding value of this southwestern Oregon stream is its anadromous fisheries; the Chetco provides high-quality spawning beds and rearing pools for salmon and steelhead. Sport fishing is an important recreation activity.

Chilikadrotna River
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive, Suite 311,
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
The "Chili" River originates at scenic Twin Lake and flows through Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. The river features long stretches of swift water, outstanding fishing, and magnificent mountain vistas.

Clackamas River
Mount Hood National Forest, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon 97055
Originating in the Cascade Range, the Clackamas flows through a steep-walled canyon lined with dense forest and basalt crags on its way to the Columbia River. A superb fishery, spectacular scenery, and various recreational activities are its special features.

Clarion River
Allegheny National Forest, 222 Liberty Street, Post Office Box 847,
Warren, Pennsylvania, 16365
Beginning just below Ridgway, this undeveloped river meanders through narrow valleys of hardwood forests. Wildlife, intermittent riffles, and rock outcrops provide constantly changing scenery. The Clarion is popular for family canoeing, as well as for trophy brown trout and smallmouth bass fishing. Outstanding features include a nationally recognized area of virgin white pine and hemlock.

Clearwater River, Middle Fork
Bitterroot National Forest, 1801 North 1st Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840
Clearwater National Forest, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, Idaho 83544
Nez Perce National Forest, Route 2, Box 475, Grangeville, Idaho 83530
The Middle Fork Clearwater includes the Lochsa and Selway Rivers, premier whitewater rivers. Part of the exploration route of Lewis and Clark follows the Lochsa River. Most of the Selway lies in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. These rivers offer clear, clean water, beautiful scenery with great plant diversity, and abundant wildlife.

Cossatot River
Arkansas State Parks Department, One Capitol Mall, 4A-900, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
Ouachita National Forest, Federal Building, Post Office Box 1270,
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, Post Office Box 867,
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
Flowing south from the Ouachita Mountains, the Cossatot is known as one of the most popular whitewater floating rivers in Arkansas with class V rapids at Cossatot Falls.

Crescent Creek
Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Post Office Box 6010,
Bend, Oregon 97701
The segment of Crescent Creek below the Crescent Creek Dam flows though a narrow canyon with old-growth pine in the lower portion; the scenery is a key feature.

Crooked River
Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 550,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
Ochoco National Forest, 3160 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 490,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
This segment provides expert class IV-V kayaking/rafting during spring runoff. A portion of the river, from the Ochoco National Forest to Opal Springs, flows though scenic vertical basalt canyons.

Crooked River, North Fork
Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 550,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
Ochoco National Forest, 3160 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 490,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
Beginning in a series of prairies, the river winds through vertical, rimrock cliffs and old-growth ponderosa pine on its way to the Crooked River. This primarily wild river offers scenic canyons and outstanding trout fishing.

Delaware (Middle) River
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Bushkill, Pennsylvania 18324
This segment of the Delaware flows through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and cuts an "S" curve through Kittatinny Ridge. This beautiful landscape provides great recreational opportunities in addition to sightseeing and geological study value.

Delaware (Upper) River
National Park Service, RR 2 Box 2428, Beach Lake, Pennsylvania 18405
This 73-mile stretch of river flows between Hancock and Sparrow Bush, New York, along the Pennsylvania border. The Rosebling Bridge, believed to be the oldest existing wire cable suspension bridge, spans the river. The Zane Grey House and museum are located here.

Delta River
Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office, Post Office Box 147,
Glennallen, Alaska 99588
The Delta River begins in south-central Alaska and connects a series of lakes lying in the Alaska Range. It has excellent floating opportunities on its path north to the Tanana River. At the Tangle Lakes Archeological District, evidence of cultures dating back 10,000 years has been found.

Deschutes River
Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 550,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Post Office Box 6010,
Bend, Oregon 97701
The Deschutes has ruggedly beautiful scenery, outstanding whitewater boating, and a renowned sport fishery for steelhead, brown trout, and native rainbow trout. The Upper Deschutes flows primarily through private land with limited whitewater and excellent trout fishing opportunities. The Middle Deschutes has excellent hiking opportunities with spectacular geologic formations and waterfalls, but boating is limited. The Lower Deschutes offers the greatest opportunities for whitewater rafting and is one of Oregon's premier steelhead and trout fisheries.

Donner und Blitzen River
Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, HC74-12533 Highway 20 West,
Hines, Oregon 97738
From its headwaters to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge boundary, including major tributaries, this wild river offers scenic glaciated canyons, unique ecosystems, and exceptional wild trout fisheries.

Eagle Creek
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
From its headwaters in the Wallowa Mountains, Eagle Creek flows through mountain meadows and a deep, glaciated canyon. The river area offers spectacular scenery, recreation opportunities, and cold water and historic features.

Eel River
Bureau of Land Management, Ukiah Field Office, 2550 North State Street,
Ukiah, California 95482
California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814
Mendocino National Forest, 825 North Humboldt Avenue, Willows, California 95988
Round Valley Reservation, Post Office Box 448, Covelo, California 95428
Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, California 95501
The three forks of the Eel contain a diversity of river types originating in high mountain pine forests, flowing through steep canyons and coastal redwood groves, and emptying into the Pacific in a gently sloping valley with virgin redwood stands. It is joined in the coastal plain by the designated Van Duzen that, along with the Eel, is noted for its salmon and steelhead fisheries.

Eleven Point River
Mark Twain National Forest, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, Missouri 65401
Springs pouring from dolomite bluffs or rushing up from a vast network of underground flows systems provide a continuous source of water and beauty as the Eleven Point River meanders through the forested valleys and in the shadows of the steep bluffs of the Missouri Ozarks. Alternating stretches of rapids and clear deep pools provide outstanding opportunities for canoeing and fishing.

Elk River
Siskiyou National Forest, Post Office Box 440, Grants Pass, Oregon 97528
The combination of water, colors, exposed rock, dynamic flow, and wilderness creates an interesting and scenic river. The Elk supports marbled murrelet, spotted owl, sea-run cutthroat and steelhead trout, and chinook and coho salmon.

Elkhorn Creek
Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road, Southeast,
Salem, Oregon 97306
Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC73, Box 320,
Mill City, Oregon 97360
This picturesque stream flows through the heavily forested and rugged foothills of the west side of the Cascade Mountains. The remote Elkhorn Creek is contained within the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, which is known for its majestic old-growth forests.

Farmington River, West Branch
National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Known for its outstanding fisheries and wildlife, recreation, and historical resources, this river is managed through a partnership among local, state, and federal interests.

Feather River, Middle Fork
Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, Box 11599, Quincy, California 95971
The Middle Fork flows Feather Falls, the third highest waterfall (640 feet) in the United States. This northern California river is remote and has an outstanding fishery.

Flathead River
Flathead National Forest, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Post Office Box 190340,
Hungry Horse, Montana 59919
Glacier National Park, Post Office Box 128, West Glacier, Montana 59936
The designation includes the North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork above Hungry Horse Reservoir and features recreation, scenery, historic sites, unique fisheries, and wildlife such as grizzly bears and wolves. The rugged area includes the landscapes of Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall and Great Bear Wilderness areas.

Fortymile River
Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
The Fortymile offers a great way to see the differing landscapes of the interior of Alaska, from incised canyons to the wide-open Yukon Valley. Rising in the Yukon-Tanana uplands, the Fortymile flows into the Yukon River, about a two day float. Several road accessible boat launch sites in the middle river, and bush strips in the upper reaches, allow trips varying from one day to two weeks. The Fortymile was the site of the first major gold strike in Alaska, and the history of the area is written in the cabins and mine workings along the stream.

Grande Ronde River
Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918
Umatilla National Forest, 2517 Southwest Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon 97801
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
The Grande Ronde River offers exceptional recreation opportunities including boating during its unusually long float season, anadromous and resident sport fishing, and big game viewing and hunting. The river provides important habitat for wild anadromous and resident fish and critical winter range for bighorn sheep, elk and deer.

Great Egg Harbor River
National Park Service, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
Meandering through extensive tidal and freshwater wetlands, the Great Egg Harbor River is representative of rivers in southern New Jersey's famous "Pinelands." Each year, striped bass and alewife herring return from the ocean to spawn in the gravel-bottomed tributaries. The river also provides habitat for several threatened and endangered species including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and Pine Barrens tree frog.

Gulkana River
Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office, Post Office Box 147,
Glennallen, Alaska 99588
With the grandeur of Alaska's Wrangell Mountains in the distance and a variety of whitewater on the river, the Gulkana is an outstanding recreation resource. The Gulkana offers remarkable opportunities for seeing moose, waterfowl, bald eagle, and bear. Salmon runs peak from mid-June to late July and floaters share the lower stretches with fishermen.

Horsepasture River
Nantahala National Forest, 160A Zillicoa Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801
Cascading out of North Carolina's rugged forests, this river is famous for its beautiful waterfalls; Rainbow Falls is the largest of five falls along the river's course.

Hurricane Creek
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, 605 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801
A tributary to Big Piney Creek, this stream flows through the Hurricane Creek Wilderness. Its outstanding scenery is characterized by sharp ridges and cliffs, unusual rock formations, and clear reflecting pools.

Illinois River
Siskiyou National Forest, Post Office Box 440, Grants Pass, Oregon 97528
The Illinois River offers marvelous recreation opportunities, including whitewater that provides plenty of excitement for small rafts and kayaks; the wild section of the river contains class V water that should be rafted with caution. Still, clear, blue-green pools offer contrast to the whitewater segments of the river and opportunities for catching anadromous fish, including large steelhead.

Immaha River
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
The Immaha River, including its South Fork, flows from glaciated mountains to a low elevation canyon at its confluence with the Snake River. Beginning in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, the majority of the river is within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and offers opportunities to camp, fish, hunt, view wildlife, and simply enjoy the solitude. The river has a unique run of spring chinook salmon.

Indian River
Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, Michigan 49829
The Indian River provides beautiful and varied scenery, from canyon-like banks and sharp curves to broad marshland reaches. Trout fishing is good, and there is spawning habitat for lake sturgeon and habitat for eagles and ospreys. Frequent portages for canoes are required in the downstream reaches.

Ivishak River
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Street, Box 20, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Lying in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, this braided river passes year-round flowing springs, ice fields, and glaciers in hanging valleys. Bird life probably exceeds 100 species.

Jemez River, East Fork
Santa Fe National Forest, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502
The East Fork originates in the Valles Caldera as a small meandering stream in a vast crater. On its way to its confluence with the Rio San Antonio, the river passes through the heart of the Jemez Mountains' most popular recreation area.

John Day River
Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 550,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
The segment from Service Creek to Tumwater Falls offers exceptional anadromous steelhead and warm-water bass fishing; whitewater boating; and archeological, historical and paleontological values. The John Day flows through a number of colorful canyons, broad valleys, and breathtaking terrain.

John Day River, North Fork
Umatilla National Forest, 2517 Southwest Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon 97801
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
From its headwaters to Camas Creek, the North Fork is one of the most important rivers in northeast Oregon for the production of anadromous fish. Geologic interest, whitewater rafting, majestic stands of ponderosa pine, and early day mining remains are also important features of this river.

John Day River, South Fork
Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 Northeast 3rd, Post Office Box 550,
Prineville, Oregon 97754
From the Malheur National Forest to Smoky Creek, this segment offers outstanding scenery, wild steelhead fishing, hunting, hiking, swimming and camping.

John River
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
This river flows from the Anaktuvuk Pass in Alaska's Brooks Range. The valley is an important migration route for the Arctic Caribou Herd.

Joseph Creek
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
This picturesque northeast Oregon stream flows through a rugged basalt canyon where petroglyphs can be seen along trails. Ranching is popular for hiking, horse packing, fishing, big game hunting, and wildlife viewing. It is an important wild steelhead trout fishery.

Kern River
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, 47050 Generals Highway,
Three Rivers, California 93271
Sequoia National Forest, 900 West Grand Avenue, Porterville, California 93257
This river includes both the North Fork and South Forks of the Kern. The South Fork descends through deep gorges with large granite outcroppings and domes interspersed with open meadows. It is habitat for the golden trout, the state fish of California. The upper 47.5 miles of the North Fork flow through Sequoia National Park and the Golden Trout Wilderness, a scenic area with a wide variety of recreational opportunities, as well as cultural and historical features.

Kings River
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, 47050 Generals Highway,
Three Rivers, California 93271
Sequoia National Forest, 900 West Grand Avenue, Porterville, California 93257
This river includes the main stem, which joins the Kings' Middle Fork in Kings Canyon National Park. Beginning in glacial lakes above timberline, the river flows through deep, steep-sided canyons, rare and cataract canyons, and a meadow-filled valley before entering the Kings River ivy in its lower reaches in Sequoia National Forest. Geology, scenery, recreation, fish, wildlife and history are all significant aspects.

Klamath River (California)
Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road,
Arcata, California 95521
California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814
Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Post Office Box 817, Hoopa, California 95546
Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097
Yurok Tribe, 1034 6th Street, Eureka, California 95501
California's second largest river in terms of annual water produce, particularly for coho and chinook. The river supports numerous raptors. The Scott and Salmon, North and South Forks Salmon, and Wooley Creek are included.

Klamath River (Oregon)
Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District, HC 10, Box 337, 1300 South G Street,
Lakeview, Oregon 97630
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 1115 Commercial Street, Northeast, Suite 1,
Salem, Oregon 97301
Wild rapids in Hell's Corner Gorge testify to the Indian name "Klamet," or "swiftness." With a unique rainbow trout subspecies, scores of bald eagles, numerous endangered species, spectacular scenery, and historic sites at every turn, the Klamath provides an outstanding river experience. This southern Oregon river flows through a remote pine and mixed conifer forest and is transects the Cascade Range on its way to the Pacific Ocean.

Klickitat River
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, 902 Wasco Avenue, Suite 200, Hood River,
Oregon 97031
The spectacular geological formation of the "Narrows" supports one of only two active Native American dip net fisheries on the Columbia River Basin. Upstream, anglers drift the river in pursuit of elusive salmon and steelhead trout while marveling at the views of the wide rolling hills and basalt gorge landscape.

Kobuk River
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
From its headwaters in the Endicott Mountains and Walker Lake, the river courses south and west through a wide valley and passes through two scenic canyons.

Koyukuk River, North Fork
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
This river flows on the south flank of the Arctic Divide through broad, glacially carved valleys in the rugged Endicott Mountains of Alaska's Central Brooks Range. It passes below the "gates" of the Arctic into the Boreal Mountain and Frigid Crags.

Lamprey River
National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Managed through a local-state-federal partnership (Lamprey River Advisory Committee), the Lamprey is an intimate, rural river with historical sites typifying the early settlement of New Hampshire's seacoast region.

Little Beaver Creek
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves,
Fountain Square, Columbus, Ohio 43224
Little Beaver Creek is one of the most rugged and wildest land in Ohio. Forested to a width of over a mile in places, this stream is home of the endangered hellbender (large aquatic salamander) and retains its original aquatic community. From ridges topping over 200 feet, there are breathtaking views of the valley below.

Little Deschutes River
Deschutes National Forest, 1645 Highway 20 East, Post Office Box 6010,
Bend, Oregon 97701
This segment of the Little Deschutes flows through a unique, narrow, glacial canyon. The river is also noted for its vegetative character.

Little Miami River
Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves,
Fountain Square, Columbus, Ohio 43224
The Little Miami originates near Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve and National Landmark. Flowing through deep gorge, wooded bluffs, and rolling farmlands, it is located between Dayton and Cincinnati, placing it within an hour's drive of over 3 million people.

Little Missouri River
Ouachita National Forest, Box 1270, Federal Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902
This river flows through narrow, forested canyons and has numerous small waterfalls, crystal clear water, and outstanding scenery. The 4.4-mile wild segment is excellent canoeing water.

Lochsa River - *See Clearwater River, Middle Fork*

Lostine River
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
From its headwaters in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, the Lostine River follows a glaciated, U-shaped valley surrounded by mountain meadows and high mountain peaks. The river corridor supports an anadromous fishery and a herd of Rocky Mountain sheep.

Loxahatchee River
Jonathan Dickinson State Park, 16450 Southeast Federal Highway,
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455
This scenic southern river flows through an interesting vegetative landscape which supports a wide range of aquatic and terrestrial fish and wildlife species. The river also provides for an abundance of bird species.

Lumber River
Lumber River State Park, Post Office Box 10, Orrum, North Carolina 28369
Enjoy the peacefulness of this slow-moving, meandering river as you gently dip your paddle and quietly glide over the tea-colored water. Witness abundant and varied animal life. Enjoy fishing. View scenic second growth hardwoods, cypress-gum swamps, and upland pine forests along the river's undeveloped corridor. Hike, camp, participate in nature study, canoe or picnic at Lumber River State Park.

Malheur River
Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, Post Office Box 909,
John Day, Oregon 97845
The designated segment of the Malheur runs from Bosenberg Creek downstream to the Malheur National Forest boundary. This wild, remote river in eastern Oregon has outstanding trout fishing, big game hunting, and virgin ponderosa pine stands.

Malheur River, North Fork
Malheur National Forest, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, Post Office Box 909,
John Day, Oregon 97845
The North Fork of the Malheur River's outstanding values are its scenery and geology. Flowing from a mosaic of lodgepole pine, meadow/wetland areas, and old-growth ponderosa pine, the river enters a steep, rugged canyon at its lower end. Trout fishing and big game hunting are important activities.

Manistee River
Huron-Manistee National Forest, 1755 South Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601
The lower Manistee River is a slow, wide river that meanders through rolling hills and rich marshes teeming with wildlife. The river is very popular for its excellent fishing, particularly for salmon, as well as for quality boating and scenery.

Maurice River
National Park Service, 200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
The Maurice is a pristine river, unusual along the Atlantic Coast. As part of the Atlantic Flyway, its waters and related habitats are vitally important to the migration of shorebirds, songbirds, waterfowl, raptors and rails.

McKenzie River
Willamette National Forest, Post Office Box 10607, Eugene, Oregon 97440
From Clear Lake to Scott Creek, the McKenzie is a challenge to whitewater rafters and driftboaters. Its water clarity and cold temperature enjoy a national reputation and provide for an internationally famous salmonid fishery.

Merced River
Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield District, 3801 Pegasus Drive,
Bakersfield, California 93308
Sierra National Forest, 1130 O Street, Fresno, California 93721
Yosemite National Park, Post Office Box 577, Yosemite National Park, California 95389
Including the South Fork, the Merced flows through exceptional scenery — glaciated peaks, lakes, alpine and subalpine meadows — in alternating pools and cascades. Wildflower displays are spectacular. The South Fork possesses one of the few remaining pristine Sierra fisheries with self-sustaining populations of rainbow, eastern brook, and brown trout. Archeology and wildlife are also noteworthy.

Metolius River
Deschutes National Forest, 1645 U.S. 20 East, Bend, Oregon 97701
Nestled in a forested valley on the west flanks of Mt. Jefferson, the Metolius is one of the largest spring-fed rivers in the United States. Its clear, cold and constant waters support blue ribbon flyfishing and whitewater boating. The lower river, adjacent to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, is managed as a primitive area with no motorized access.

Minam River
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
The Minam is entirely within the Eagle Cap Wilderness. The river corridor supports a large population of elk and is heavily used for hunting, fishing, backpacking, horse packing, and other recreational activities.

Missouri River (Montana)
Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office, Post Office Box 1160,
Lewistown, Montana 59457
The route of Lewis and Clark, The Missouri River flows through a spectacular valley with striking rock formations and diverse flora and fauna. The corridor also includes numerous historical and archeological sites.

Missouri River (Nebraska and South Dakota)
Missouri National Recreational River, Post Office Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763
This designation covers the last free-flowing segments—from the Fort Randall Dam downstream to the backwaters of Lewis and Clark Lake and from Gavins Point Dam downstream to Ponca State Park. These are among the last free-flowing segments of the once "Mighty Mo" and still exhibit the river's dynamic character in its islands, bars, chutes and snags.

Mulberry River
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, 605 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801
One of the premier smallmouth bass fisheries in the Arkansas Ozarks, the Mulberry is also popular for canoeing, camping and swimming. Eagles can be seen feeding along the river during migration periods.

Mulchatna River
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, 4230 University Drive, Suite 311,
Anchorage, Alaska 99508
The Mulchatna River, originating in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, flows through astonishingly scenic tundra in the headwaters are Turquoise Lake, and it is flanked by the glacier-clad Chigmit Mountains to the east. The Mulchatna Caribou Herd frequents the area.

New River
New River State Park, Post Office Box 48, Jefferson, North Carolina 28640
Rugged hillsides, pastoral meadows, and bucolic farmlands surround the oldest river in North America. The river's waters are slow and placid; its banks are fertile and covered with wildflowers. Fishing is good. Narrow and winding mountain roads dotted with small towns, churches and country stores give an old-fashioned charm. New River State Park provides access and spots for camping, canoeing, picnicking and bicycling.

Niobrara River
Niobrara National Scenic River, Post Office Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763
Perhaps the epitome of a prairie river, the Niobrara is known as a biological crossroads. Although passing primarily through private land, it also flows through the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and the largest single holding of The Nature Conservancy where bison have been reintroduced. The upper portion provides excellent canoeing.

Noatak River
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, 201 First Avenue,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Noatak National Preserve, Post Office Box 1029, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752
Situated in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and Noatak National Preserve, the Noatak drains the largest mountain-ringed river basin in America that is still virtually unaffected by human activities.

North Powder River
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Post Office Box 907, Baker City, Oregon 97814
From its origin in the Elkhorn Mountains, the North Powder displays splendid mountain scenery and is popular for big game hunting, trail bike riding, and back country hiking.

North Sylamore Creek
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, 605 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801
This stream flows through the Sylamore Creek Wilderness Complex, where exceptional swimming, camping and includes the famous Blanchard Caverns. Sylamore Creek flows between limestone bluffs and offers outstanding scenery, crystal-