

Wild and Scenic Rivers and Management Agencies

American River (Lower)

Nimbus Dam to Sacramento River confluence. Length: 23 miles. Management: State of California Resources Agency and Sacramento County. Designated: 1981. Designated as "recreational". Also a component of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Identified in the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI).

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American River, North Fork

Near Heath Springs to the Iowa Hill-Colfax Road bridge crossing. Length: 38.3 miles. Management: Tahoe National Forest and BLM. Designated: 1978. Designated as "wild". Also a component of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*Tahoe National Forest
631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, California 95950*

*Bureau of Land Management
Bakersfield District
3801 Pegasus Drive
Bakersfield, California 93308*

Big Sur River

The South and North forks from headwaters to confluence with the mainstream, and the mainstream downstream to the Ventana Wilderness boundary in the Los Padres National Forest. Length: 19.5 miles. Management: Los Padres National Forest. Designated 1992. Designated as "wild".

*Los Padres National Forest
6144 Calle Real
Goleta, California 93117*

Black Butte River

A segment of the Black Butte River in the Mendocino National Forest, Mendocino County. Length: 21 miles. Management: Mendocino National Forest. Designated 2006. Portions are designated wild or scenic. (Highway 162 is at the confluence of the Black Butte River and the Middle Eel River.)

1. The 16 miles of Black Butte River, from the Mendocino County Line to its confluence with Jumpoff Creek, as a wild river;
2. The 3.5 miles of Black Butte River from its confluence with Jumpoff Creek to its confluence with Middle Eel River, as a scenic river;

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3. The 1.5 miles of Cold Creek from the Mendocino County Line to its confluence with Black Butte River, as a wild river.

*Mendocino National Forest
825 N. Humboldt Avenue
Willows, California 95988*

Eel River System

1. Eel River from Van Arsdale Dam to the Pacific Ocean;
2. Middle Fork from southern boundary Middle Eel-Yolla Bolly Wilderness to the Eel River confluence;
3. North Fork from vicinity Old Gilman Ranch to Eel River confluence;
4. South Fork from Section Four Creek near Branscomb to Eel River confluence;
5. Van Duzen River from Dinsmore Bridge to Eel River confluence.

Length: 494 miles. Management: Six Rivers and Mendocino National Forests, BLM, Round Valley Reservation and California Resources Agency. Designated: 1981. Portions are designated as "wild," "scenic," and "recreational." Also a component of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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825 North Humboldt Avenue
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*Round Valley Reservation
Post Office Box 448
Covelo, California 95428*

Feather River

Source tributaries to Oroville Reservoir. Length: 77.6 miles. Management: Plumas National Forest. Designated: 1968 (one of the "instant rivers" in the original Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.)

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*Plumas National Forest
159 Lawrence Street, Box 11599
Quincy, California 95971*

Kern River

North Fork from headwaters to Kern-Tulare County line; South Fork from headwaters to south boundary of Dome Lands Wilderness. Length: 151 miles. Management: Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks. Designated: 1987. Portions are designated as “wild,” “scenic,” and “recreational.”

*Sequoia National Forest
900 West Grand Avenue
Porterville, California 93257
Sequoia National Park and
Kings Canyon National Parks
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, California 93271*

Kings River

South Fork from headwaters at Lake 11599 to confluence with Middle Fork and Main Stem, Kings River; Middle Fork from headwaters at Lake Helen to confluence with South Fork and Main Stem, Kings River. Main Stem from confluence of Middle and South Forks to the 1595 ft. elevation point (near Garlic Meadow Creek) Length: 81 miles. Management: Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park and Sequoia National Forest. Designated: 1987. Portions are designated as “wild” and “recreational”.

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Kings Canyon National Park
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, California 93271
Sequoia National Forest
900 West Grand Avenue
Porterville, California 93257*

Klamath River System

1. Klamath River from 3600 ft. below Iron Gate Dam to the Pacific Ocean;
2. Salmon River (entire Main Stem) including tributaries Wooley Creek, from Marble Mountain Wilderness to Salmon River confluence, North Fork Salmon, from Marble Mountain Wilderness boundary to Forks of Salmon, and South Fork Salmon, from Cecilville to Forks of Salmon; and
3. Scott River, from Shackelford Creek to the Klamath River confluence.

Length: 286 miles. Management: Klamath National Forest, BLM, Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, Yurok Tribe, and State of California. Designated: 1981. Also a component of the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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Arcata Field Office
1695 Hinden Road
Arcata, California 95825*

*Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation
Post Office Box 817
Hoopa, California 95546*

*Yurok Tribe
1034 6th Street
Eureka, California 95501*

Merced River

1. From headwaters in Yosemite National Park (including Red Peak Fork, Merced Peak Fork, Triple Peak Fork and Lyle Fork) to 300 feet upstream of the confluence with Bear Creek. Length: 70.5 miles. Management: Yosemite National Park, Sierra National Forest, and BLM. Designated: 1987;
2. From 300 feet upstream of Bear Creek to the normal maximum operating pool of Lake McClure (at elev. 867 ft. m.s.l.)
3. South Fork from headwaters in Yosemite National Park to the Merced River confluence.

Length: 122.5 miles. Management: BLM, Yosemite National Park, and Sierra National Forest. Designated: 1987 and 1992.

*Yosemite National Park
Post Office Box 577
Yosemite National Park, California 95389*

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Bakersfield District
3801 Pegasus Drive
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*Sierra National Forest
1130 O Street
Fresno, California 93721*

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Sespe Creek

From the confluence with Rock and Howard creeks downstream to the south boundary of Section 26, T5N, R20W. Length: 31.5 miles. Management: Los Padres National Forest. Designated: 1992. The entire designated reach, plus segments above to the source and below to Devil's Gate, were included in the NRI.

*Los Padres National Forest
6144 Calle Real
Goleta, California 93117*

Sisquoc River

From the source downstream to the national forest boundary. Length: 33 miles. Management: Los Padres National Forest. Designated: 1992. Designated as "wild". The designated segment coincides with the segment included in the NRI.

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Smith River System

The segment from the confluence of the Middle Fork Smith River and the North Fork Smith River to its mouth at the Pacific Ocean. The Middle Fork from its the headwaters to its confluence with the North Fork Smith River, including Myrtle Creek, Shelly Creek, Kelly Creek, Packsaddle Creek, the East Fork of Patrick Creek, the West Fork Patrick Creek, Little Jones Creek, Griffin Creek, Knopki Creek, Monkey Creek, Patrick Creek, and Hardscrabble Creek. The Siskiyou from its headwaters to its confluence with the Middle Fork, including the South Siskyou Fork of the Smith River. The South Fork from its headwaters to its confluence with the main stem, including Williams Creek, Eightmile Creek, Harrington Creek, Prescott Fork, Quartz Creek, Jones Creek, Hurdygurdy Creek, Gordon Creek, Coon Creek, Craigs Creek, Goose Creek, the East Fork of Goose Creek, Buch Creek, Muzzleloader Creek, Canthook Creek, Rock Creek, and Blackhawk Creek. The North Fork from the California-Oregon border to its confluence with the Middle Fork of the Smith River, including Diamond Creek, Bear Creek, Still Creek, the North Fork of Diamond Creek, High Plateau Creek, Stony Creek, and Peridotite Creek. Length: 325.4 miles. Management: Six Rivers National Forest and the State of California. Designated: 1981 and 1990

The Smith River System is also in the California Wild and Scenic Rivers System with the exception of Dominie, Rowdy, Savoy, Mill, West Branch and East Fork Mill, Little Mill and Bummer Lake creeks, all tributaries of the Main Stem; and Rock, Goose and East Fork Goose creeks, all tributaries of the South Fork. These tributaries (along with Hardscrabble Creek which was not included in the 1981 federal designation) were removed from the state system by a 1982 amendment to the state's wide and scenic rivers act. However, the state retained the prohibition on the development of water projects on these streams. Also, they remain in the federal system. The state-deleted tributaries, with the exception of Hardscrabble Creek, are outside the national forest boundary and mostly on private land.

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Trinity River System

1. Trinity River, from Lewiston Dam to Klamath River confluence;
2. North Fork Trinity River, from boundary of Trinity Alps wilderness to Trinity River confluence;
3. South Fork Trinity River, from Forest Glen to Trinity River confluence; and d) New River, from boundary of Trinity Alps Wilderness to Trinity River confluence.

Length: 203 miles. Management: Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests, BLM, Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, and the State of California. Designated: 1981. All of the designated segments plus the upper reaches of the North and South Forks Trinity River and the New River were included in the NRI.

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Tuolumne River

From and including the source tributaries, Lyell and Dana Forks, to Don Pedro Reservoir. Length: 83 miles. Management: Stanislaus National Forest, Yosemite

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National Park, and the BLM. Designated: 1984 Designated segment contained in the NRI.

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