

# The Wild & Scenic Rivers Reference Guide

## **What this *Reference Guide* is:**

The following reference materials have been developed for use by river managers and others in studying, planning and managing potential and designated wild and scenic rivers. The *Wild and Scenic Rivers Reference Guide (Reference Guide)* was developed by the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council (Council). The purpose of the *Reference Guide* is to improve interagency coordination and increase consistency in the interpretation and application of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The contents includes information about the Council, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and System, and technical papers developed through the Council. Extensive peer review and the contribution of many river managers have greatly enhanced the content of these papers.

## **What this *Reference Guide* is not:**

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## **Modifications to the *Reference Guide*:**

The materials in the *Reference Guide* will be updated periodically and new technical papers added. The Council welcomes suggestions for additional topics for technical papers and other additions to this guide.

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