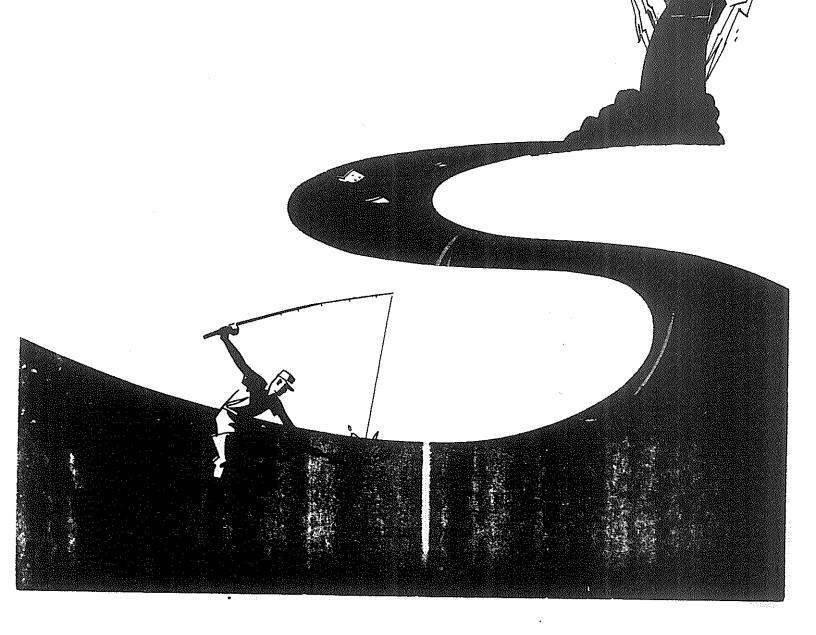


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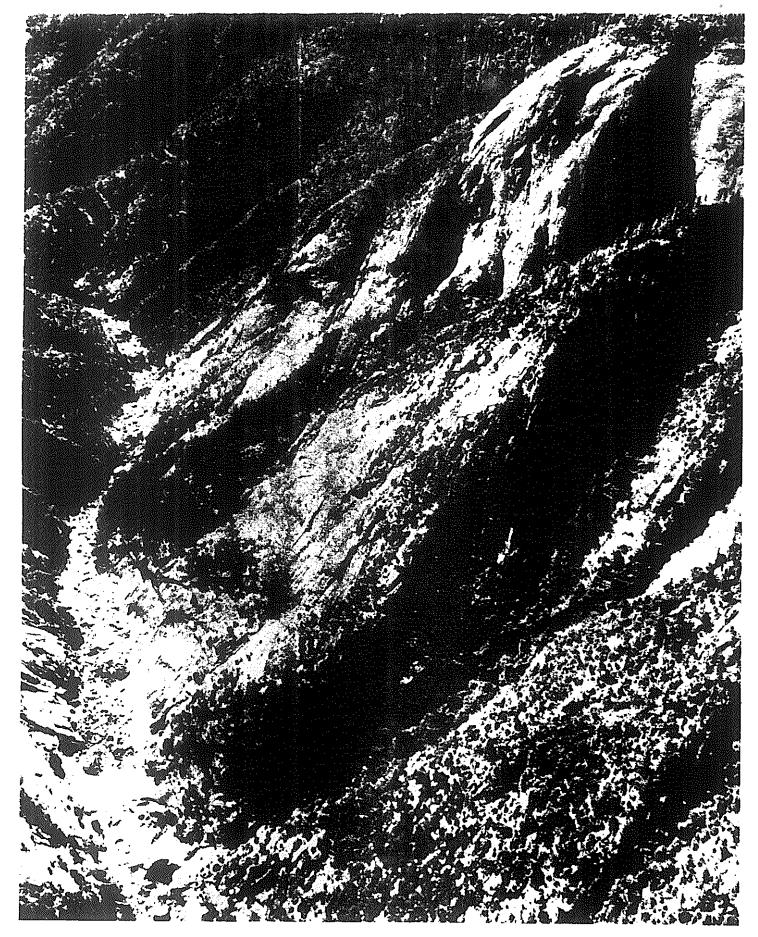
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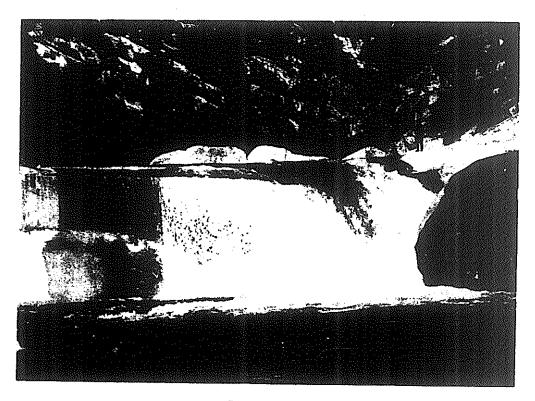
The Middle Fork Feather River flows through Bald Rock Canyon.

INTRODUCTION

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287) of October 2, 1968 designated the entire Middle Fork of the Feather River as a component of the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The Middle Fork of the Feather River is approximately 108 miles long. The upper limit of Lake Oroville marks the lower limit of the free-flowing river. From this point, the river extends northeasterly through the Plumas National Forest and through the mountain communities of Sloat, Graeagle, Blairsden, Mohawk, Clio, and Portola. A few miles east of Portola, the river becomes difficult to identify because its channels in the broad Sierra Valley meander and separate for a distance of several miles. The upper end of the River, as shown on U.S. Geological Survey maps, and described on page 73 of the Federal Power Commission's 1967 Water Resources Appraisal of the Feather River Basin, is located in the NW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 26 T.23N. R.16E., MDM, at the mouth of Little Last Chance Creek.

The River Area consists of approximately 25,000 acres of carefully identified public and private lands that lie adjacent to the river. These lands are those which must receive special recognition and management in order to carry out the purposes of the act.



Bald Rock Falls

CLASSIFICATION

The River Area has been divided into five separate management zones, two are Wild River Zones, two are Scenic River Zones, and one is a Recreational River Zone.

- (a) The Bald Rock Canyon Wild River Zone, extends from Lake Orovitle (900, foot elevation) upstream for a distance of about 5.4 miles through Bald Rock Canyon to the junction with an unnamed drainage on the east side of the river approximately 0.7 miles south of Milsap Bar Campground.
- (b) The Milsap Bar Scenic River Zone, is about 3.6 miles long, and extends from the upper limit of the Bald Roci, Canyon Wild River Zone upstream to the junction with a small unnamed drainage approximately 0.5 miles east of David's Gulch.
- (c) The Upper Canyon Wild River Zone, reaches from the apstream end of the Milsap Bar Scenic River Zone, through Devil Canyon and Franklin Canyon for a distance of about 27.5 miles to the junction of the river and Nelson Creek.
- (d) The English Bar Scenic River Zone, extends upstream from the junction of Nelson Creek and the river, for a distance of 6.1 miles to the vicinity of the Spring Garden railroad tunnel.
- (e) The Recreational River Zone, includes the area from the railroad tunnel upstream for a distance of about 65.4 miles past the communities of Sloat, Mohawk, Blairsden, Graeagle, Clio, and Portola, and through Sierra Valley to the junction with Little Last Ghance Creek.

DESCRIPTION

The River Area can be characterized more accurately by describing the differences which exist between the various portions, than by the similarities that exist. The river gradient varies from gentle at the upper end, to very steep in the deep canyons of the lower reaches. The adjacent lands range from the most primitive imaginable, to manicured golf courses and residential areas. Access to the river is by good oiled roads in the upper portion, and is nonexistent mile after mile in the two Wild River Zones.

Public recreational development (campgrounds, picnic areas, lodges, motels, etc.) within and adjacent to the River Area are not adequate to accommodate summer weekend use at present. As public use of the River Area increases in future years, more developments will be needed.

Access to the river is generally adequate for present use. Travel routes along the river, however, are inadequate to serve the fishermen and other river users. Improved access to and along the river must be assured in order to make optimum safe utilization of the River Area resources. Although some canoeing and float boating is possible in the Recreational River Zone extended boating is impossible in most of the Scenic River and Wild River Zones because of the rough and plunging water surface.

Virtually all Federal land involved is within either Federal Power Commission Withdrawals or Power Site Reservations.

The 7,590-acre Feather Falls Scenic Area, which was established by the Regional Forester in 1965, includes lands within and adjacent to the downstream part of the River Area.

Portions of the River Area, and lands adjacent to the River Area are key winter range for the Mooretown deer herd. Little hunting occurs here because the deer are at higher elevations during hunting season.

Populations of large sized rainbow and brown trout are high in the more inaccessable portions of the River Area. Bass, catfish, and some trout are present, in lesser numbers, upstream from Portola.

The river-side land in the two Wild River Zones shows little evidence of man's recent presence. The few developed camping places are appropriate and do not dominate the scene. Some evidences of early day mining exist in places, but these are so old that they have become a part of the cultrual heritage of the Area.

The two Scenic River Zones contain bridges, roads, and a 20-unit campground, all of which are sufficiently noticeable to disqualify these portions for Wild River Zone status. But they are appropriate in the Scenic River Zone.

The Recreational River Zone is characterized by roads, a railroad, resorts, residences, golf courses, and commercial establishments in, or immediately adjacent to, the River Area. These current land uses in this Zone are generally compatible with the purposes of the Act. It also contains relatively long sections of natural-appearing forest or meadow. If not restrained, future development of the private lands could preclude maximum public use and enjoyment of the Recreational River Zone. This is the Zone where the greatest amount of public recreational use is expected. Easements or fee acquisition of selected lands within this Zone will be needed.



In many places, access to the river is limited by steep-walled canyons.

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

Detailed planning for the Middle Fork of the Feather Wild and Scenic River Area is contained in the Special Area Multiple Use Management Plan, and related resource protection, management and development plans for the Plumas National Forest. These plans are on file and available for public review at the offices of the Regional Forester, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California, 94111, and the Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, Quincy, California, 95971.

Recreation developments within and adjacent to the River Area will be consistent with the objectives of the river class on which they are located. They will be so designed, and constructed to harmonize with the environment and to provide opportunities for recreation experiences dependent on or enhanced by the free-flowing nature of the river.

The Forest Service will develop criteria and prepare plans for the optimum use of the various segments of the river area consistent with Wild, Scenic, and Recreational River values. When it becomes necessary, limitations will be placed on the total amount and kinds of recreational use permitted.

Timber will be managed to provide an attractive forest cover. Commercial timber harvest will be employed only to the extent desirable to maintain or enhance attractive conditions of the landscape or prevent serious spread of timber insects or disease.

The fishery will be protected, and enhanced where this is possible whenever consistent with other river values.

No new uses or activities which are inconsistent with maintaining scenic and recreation values, such as garage dumps, gravel pits, and incompatible commercial developments, will be permitted. Where private lands are involved, this will be accomplished by purchase of scenic easements. Easements will also be acquired where necessary to assure public access to and along the river. Lands needed for recreation development will be acquired by purchase or exchange procedures. Landowners may reserve the right to occupy such lands for a reasonable period where this is consistent with planned use of these lands.

Wild River Management Direction

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Objective -- To provide opportunities for river oriented recreation in a primitive setting offering considerable physical challenge and requiring well developed outdoor skills.

Recreation developments will be limited to simple facilities to permit safe camping in a primitive environment. Overnight camping at undeveloped places

will be permitted within the capacity of the area to provide a recreational experience consistent with Wild River objectives. Users will be required to pack out all unburnable refuse; burnable material will be burned or packed out of the area.

No additional public roads will be constructed in the zone and there will be no additional public motorized access to the river. Public vehicular access to the river in this Zone will be limited to the four "vehicular ways" shown on the map of the River Area.

There will be no new habitation. New structures for other purposes will be permitted only if they can be made inconspicuous and in harmony with the Wild River environment.

Available private lands will be acquired in fee. Where this is not possible, rights sufficient to insure management objectives will be acquired by scenic or other easement.

Scenic River Management Direction

Objective - To provide opportunities for river oriented recreation activities in a near-natural setting and to permit other uses only in a manner and to the extent that such uses will contribute or not substantially detract from the principal objective.

The existing Milsap Bar Campground will be enlarged only to the degree consistent with maintaining the level of recreation experience presently provided. Other recreational development within the Zone will be done to meet Scenic River management objectives. Overnight use of undeveloped places will be permitted.

Utilization of other resources will be permitted only to the extent that scenic values can be protected or enhanced and there will be no significant interference with recreational use.

Private lands within the Zone will be acquired in fee if available. Where this is not possible, sufficient rights to assure Scenic River management direction will be acquired through scenic or other easements. National Forest lands will be withdrawn from mineral entry or appropriation.

Recreational River Management Direction

Objective -- The management objective for this Zone is to provide

opportunities for engaging in recreation activities dependent on or enhanced by the free-flowing nature of the River.

To meet this objective, developments will be provided to encourage recreation use of the River area. Overnight facilities will not be built immediately adjacent to the River and overnight camping in undeveloped places will not be permitted.

Roads and trails for recreation use will be provided where needed.

Utilization of other resources on National Forest lands will be permitted only to the extent that scenic values can be protected or enhanced and there will be no significant interference with recreational use.

Easements will be acquired on private lands where necessary to insure public recreational opportunities in the area. This will include safe access to and along the River, vehicular access to the River at selected locations, and sufficient space to park vehicles in locations where parking is not available within a reasonable distance. The easements will, where necessary, preclude undesirable development of private lands immediately adjacent to the River. National Forest lands will be withdrawn from mineral entry or appropriation.

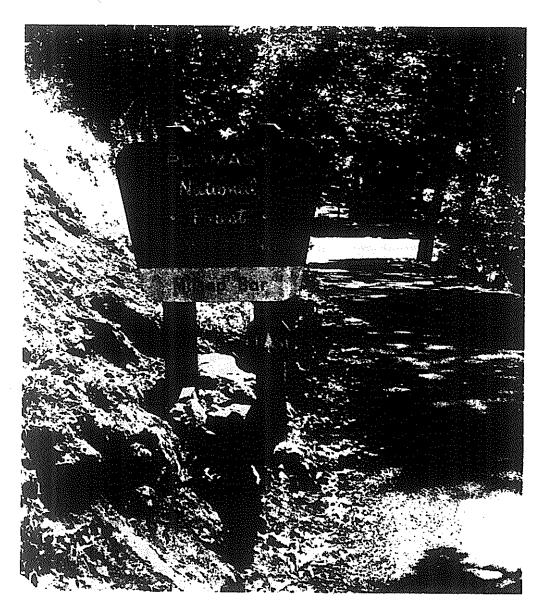
The upper portion of the Recreational River Zone is substantially different from the rest of the River area. From its source, in the vicinity of Vinton, downstream to the confluence with Grizzly Creek, the River wanders through the broad Sierra Valley. During dry periods there is little or no flow in places. From Grizzly Creek downstream to Humbug Valley the River flows through the communities of Portola and Delleker. The primary management concern for this upper portion of the River is to insure against activities which will pollute or otherwise damage the rest of the River. To accomplish this purpose, the Forest Service will work with local governing bodies, landowners, the State and other Federal Agencies.

DEVELOPMENT

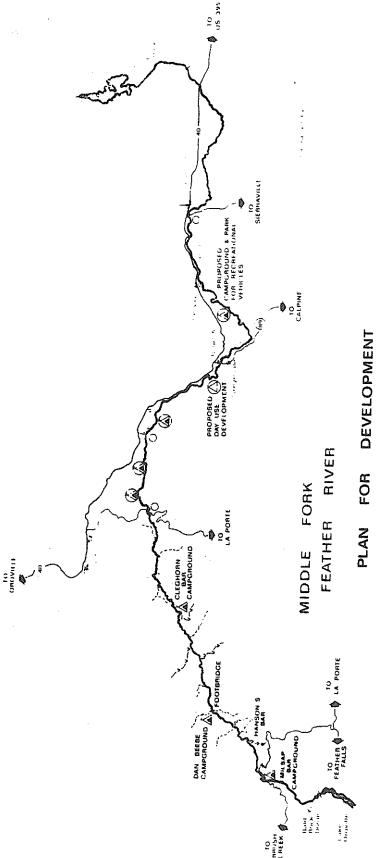
Coordinated and planned development of some lands adjacent to the Middle Fork of the Feather River is essential if the purposes for which this area was designated are to be accomplished. Development of transportation, recreation, and resource protection facilities will be consistent with the coordinating requirements of the multiple use management plan for the River Area.

The development plan is based on preliminary studies of resource capabilities and anticipated public uses. As additional information becomes available, the plan for development will be revised to reflect the new situation.

The kind and amount of development varies with the different zones, wild, scenic, and recreational. Each zone is discussed separately below. Planned developments illustrate how development objectives will be achieved, but they may be modified in the future as increased knowledge or changing recreation demands may indicate.



Entrance to Milsap Bar Campground



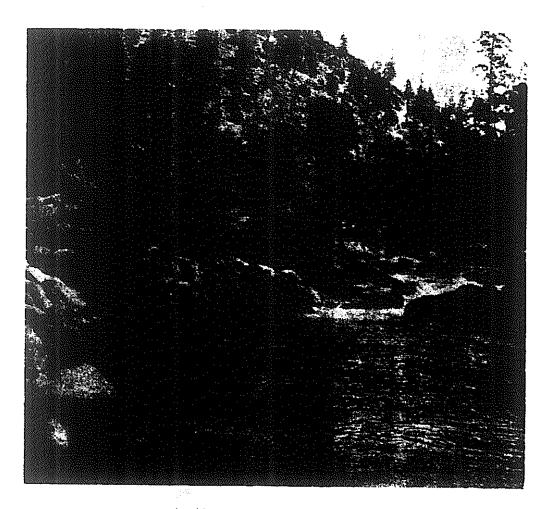
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The objectives of development within the River Area are:

- 1. To provide sufficient safe access to and along the river to permit proper distribution of public use consistent with multiple use management objectives for the river.
- 2. To provide safe places to park cars at selected river crossings.
- To develop, operate, and maintain sufficient developed sites to accommodate the average July and August weekend recreation use without overcrowding.
- 4. To provide a variety of developments that offer different recreation experiences compatible with the zones in which they are located.



Looking upstream from Oddie Bar

To minimize water pollution and other resource protection problems.

Bald Rock Canyon Wild River Zone

The existing Bald Rock Canyon Trail will be improved and an additional trail will be constructed to permit access to the river from outside the area. Minimum sanitary facilities needed to protect the waters from pollution will be provided.

Milsap Bar Scenic River Zone

As recreation use at Milsap Bar increases, some expansion will be provided at the Milsap Bar Campground. A trail will be constructed north of Milsap Bar to provide access to the river. Where necessary, sanitary facilities will be provided at locations within the zone where public recreation use is concentrated.

Upper Canyon Wild River Zone

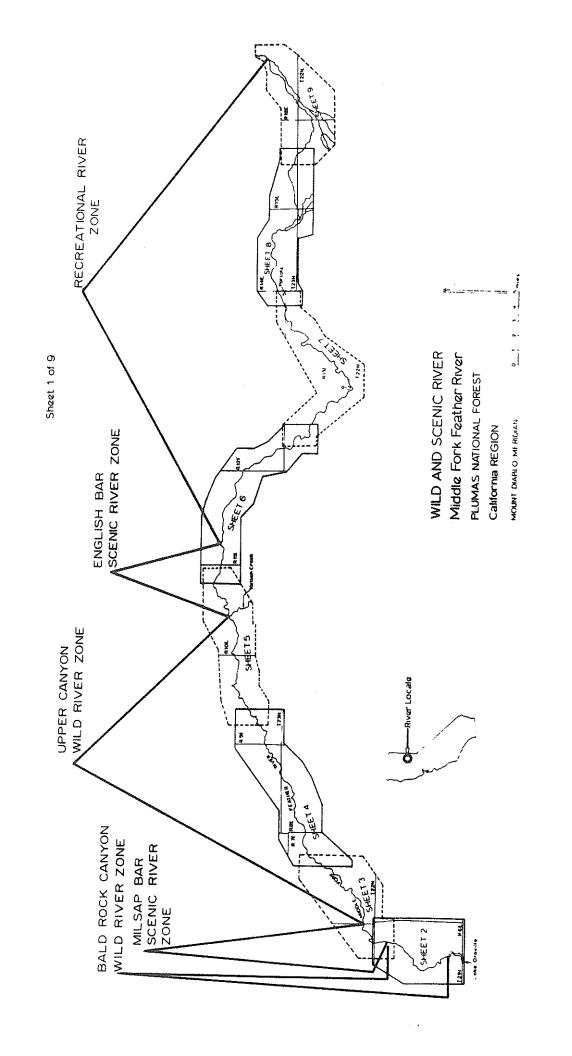
Considerable trail construction is needed to permit use of the Wild River Area, including the Pacific Crest Trail from Hartman Bar footbridge to Nelson Creek, the extension of existing trails to connect with the Pacific Crest Trail and provision of suitable river crossings. Minimum sanitary facilities are needed at some areas of concentrated use to protect against water pollution.

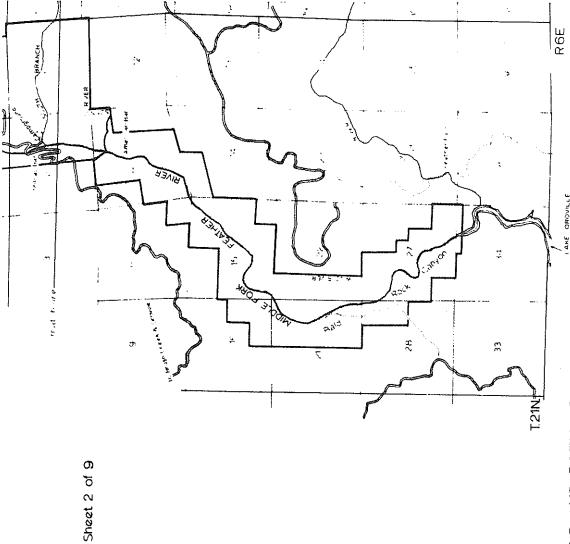
English Bar Scenic River Zone

Recreation developments planned for this zone include a moderate size campground in the vicinity of Nelson Point Bridge and a small campground in the vicinity of Spring Garden Tunnel. Parking and sanitation facilities will be provided near Nelson Point Bridge. Some trails are needed to facilitate recreation use of this section of the river, including a trail from Nelson Point Bridge to Sloat. Some sanitary facilities are needed at undeveloped areas where recreation use is concentrated.

Recreational River Zone

A moderate size campground is planned in the vicinity of Sloat, as well as parking and sanitation facilities near the Sloat Bridge. A major campground and recreation vehicle park should be located between Clio and Humbug Valley. Other developments planned include day use facilities near Mohawk, parking and sanitation facilities in the vicinity of Beckworth Bridge and additional roads and trails as needed to insure free and convenient access to and along the river.





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Zone Boundaries

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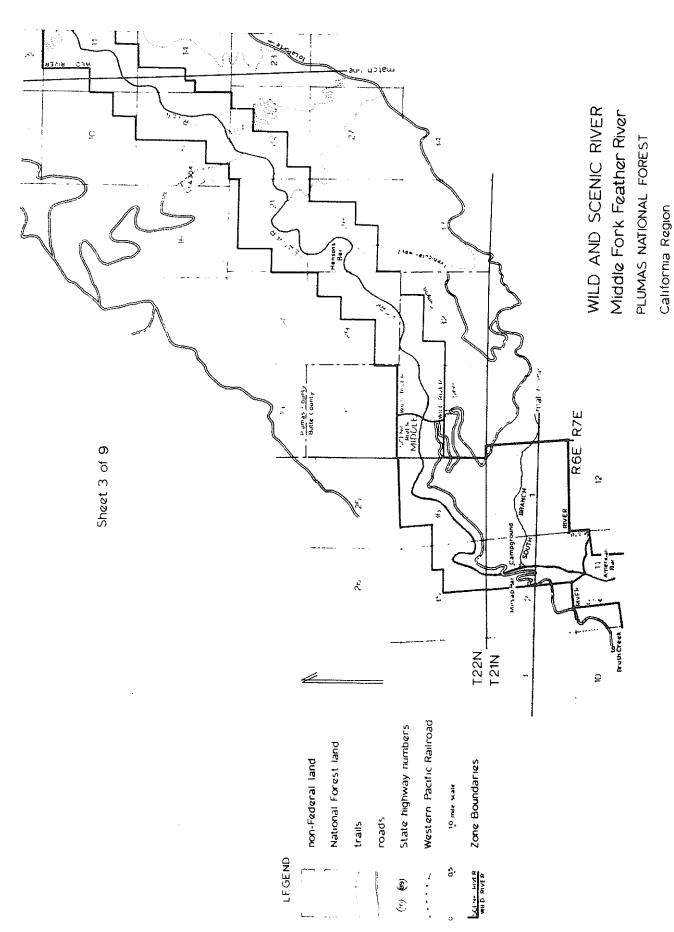
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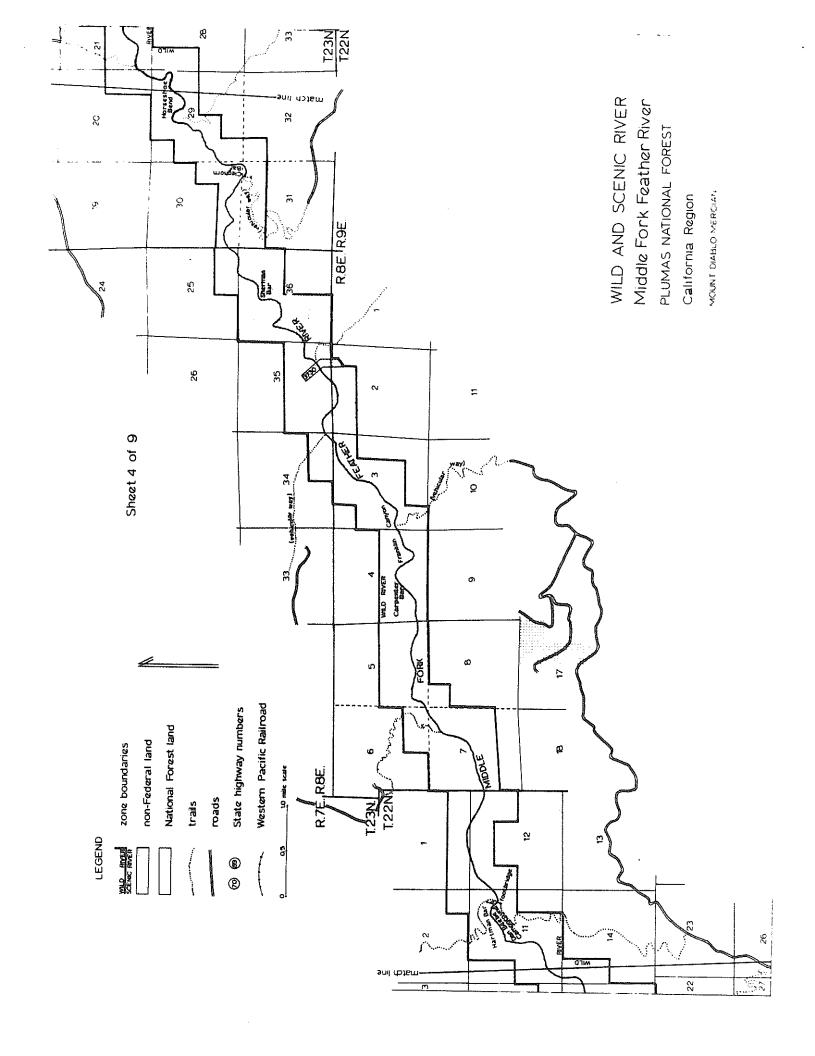
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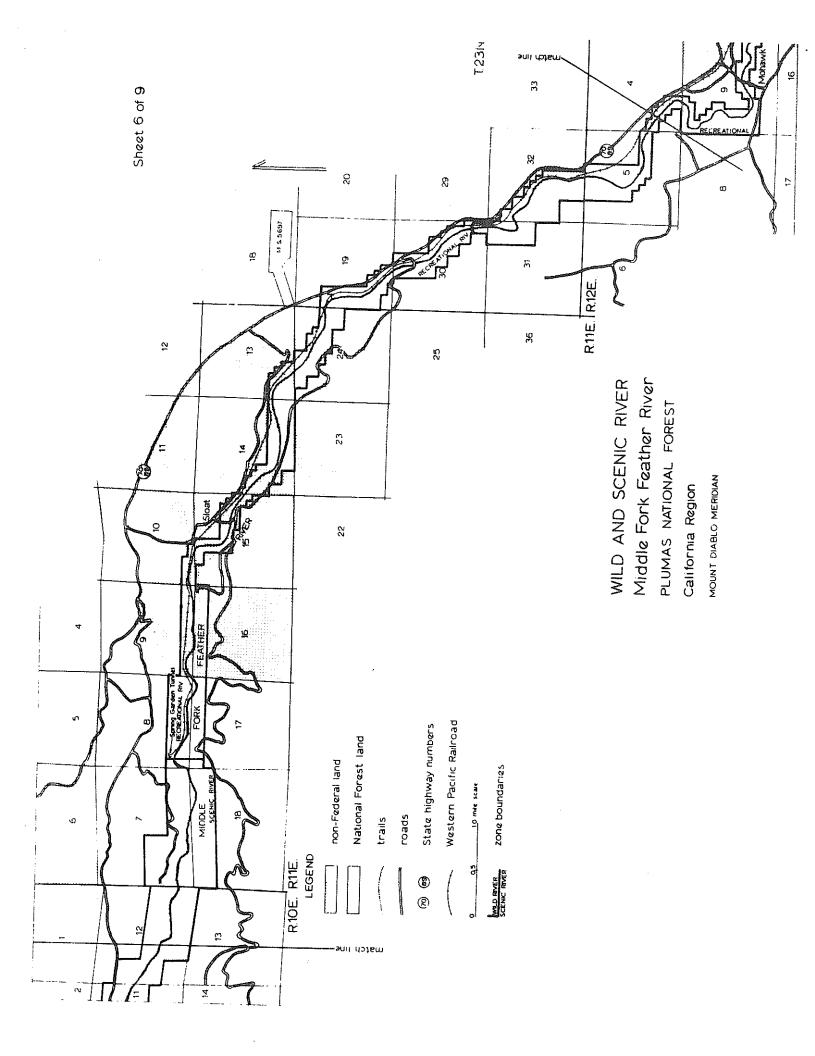
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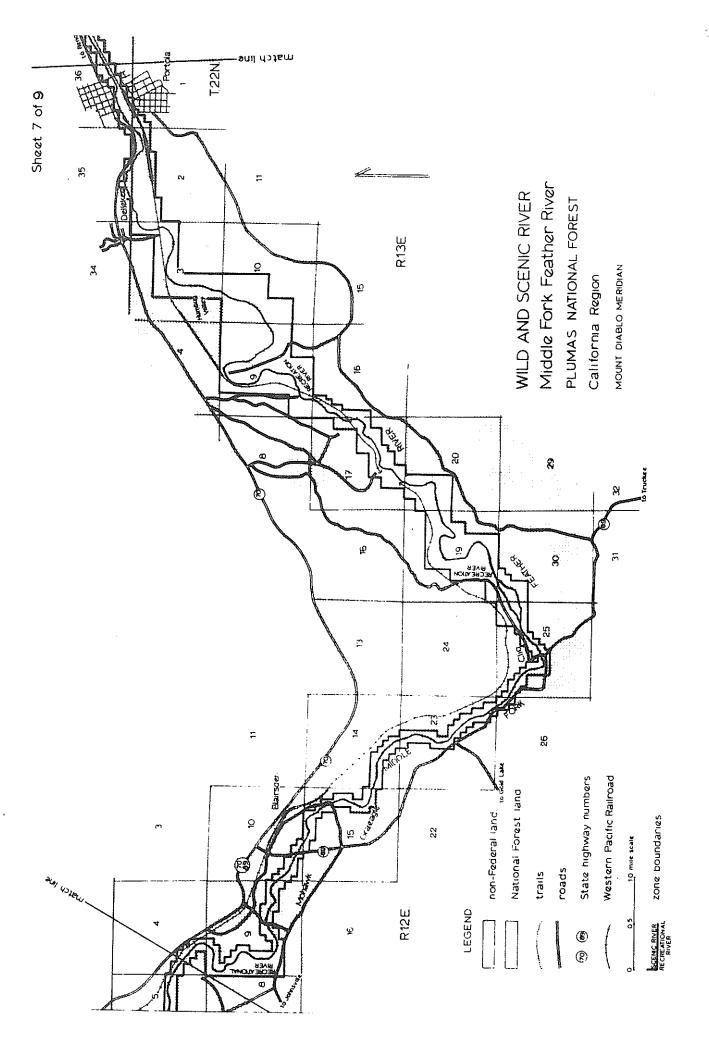


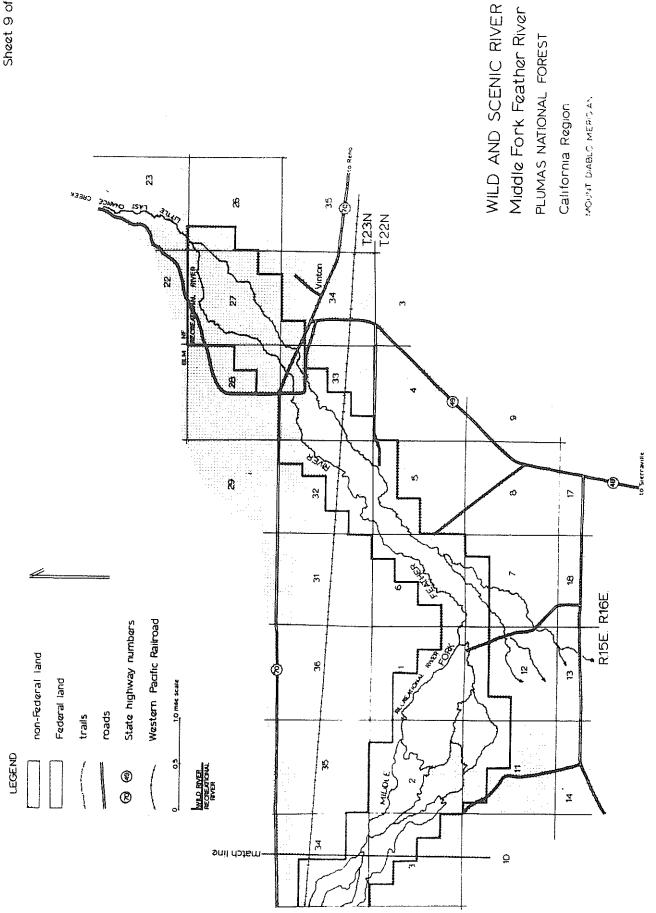
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Public Law 90-542 90th Congress, S. 119 October 2, 1968

An Act

To provide for a National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Be it enucted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) this Act

may be cited as the "Wild and Scenic Rivers Act".

Wild and Scenic Rivers Acta

(b) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes.

(c) The purpose of this Act is to implement this policy by instituting a national wild and scenic rivers system, by designating the initial components of that system, and by prescribing the methods by which and standards according to which additional components may be added

to the system from time to time.

Sec. 2. (a) The national wild and scenic rivers system shall comprise National wild rivers (i) that are authorized for inclusion therein by Act of Congress, and soenic or (ii) that are designated as wild, scenic or recreational rivers by or rivers system. pursuant to an act of the legislature of the State or States through which they flow, that are to be permanently administered as wild, scenic or recreational rivers by an agency or political subdivision of the State or States concerned without expense to the United States, that are found by the Secretary of the Interior, upon application of the Governor of the State or the Governors of the States concerned, 82 STAT. 906 or a person or persons thereunto duly appointed by him or them, to 82 STAT. 907 meet the criteria established in this Act and such criteria supplementary thereto as he may prescribe, and that are approved by him for inclusion in the system, including, upon application of the Governor of the State concerned, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Maine, and that segment of the Wolf River, Wisconsin, which flows through Langlade County.

(b) A wild, scenic or recreational river area eligible to be included Eligibility in the system is a free-flowing stream and the related adjacent land for inclusion. area that possesses one or more of the values referred to in section 1, subsection (b) of this Act. Every wild, scenic or recreational river in its free-flowing condition, or upon restoration to this condition, shall be considered eligible for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system and, if included, shall be classified, designated, and

administered as one of the following:

(1) Wild river areas—Those rivers or sections of rivers that 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.

(2) Scenic river areas—Those rivers or sections of rivers that are free of impoundments, with shorelines or watersheds still largely primitive and shorelines largely undeveloped, but accesssible in places by roads.

(3) Recreational river areas—Those rivers or sections of rivers that are readily accessible by road or railroad, that may have some

development along their shorelines, and that may have undergone some impoundment or diversion in the past.

National wild and scenic rivers.

- Sec. 3 (a) The following rivers and the land adjacent thereto are hereby designated as components of the national wild and scenic rivers
- (1) CLEARWATER, MIDDLE FORK, IDAHO,—The Middle Fork from the town of Kooskia upstream to the town of Lowell; the Lochsa River from its junction with the Selway at Lowell forming the Middle Fork, upstream to the Powell Ranger Station; and the Selway River from Lowell upstream to its origin; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- (2) ELEVEN POINT, MISSOURI.—The segment of the river extending downstream from Thomasville to State Highway 142; to be adminis-

tered by the Secretary of Agriculture.
(3) FEATHER. CALIFORNIA.—The entire Middle Fork; to be adminis-

tered by the Secretary of Agriculture.
(4) RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The segment extending from the Colorado State line downstream to the State Highway 96 crossing, and the lower four miles of the Red River; to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) ROGUE, OREGON.—The segment of the river extending from the mouth of the Applegate River downstream to the Lobster Creek Bridge: to be administered by agencies of the Departments of the Interior or Agriculture as agreed upon by the Secretaries of said Depart-

ments or as directed by the President.

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> (6) SAINT CROIX, MINNEROTA AND WIRCONSIN.—The segment between the dam near Taylors Falls, Minnesota, and the dam near Gordon, Wisconsin, and its tributary, the Namekagon, from Lake Namekagon downstream to its confluence with the Saint Croix; to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior: Provided. That except as may be required in connection with items (a) and (b) of this paragraph, no funds available to carry out the provisions of this Act may be expended for the acquisition or development of lands in connection with, or for administration under this Act of, that portion of the Saint Croix River between the dam near Taylors Falls, Minnesota, and the upstream end of Big Island in Wisconsin, until sixty days after the date on which the Secretary has transmitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives a proposed cooperative agreement between the Northern States Power Company and the United States (a) whereby the company agrees to convey to the United States, without charge, appropriate interests in certain of its lands between the dam near Taylors Falls, Minnesota, and the upstream end of Big Island in Wisconsin, including the company's right, title, and interest to approximately one hundred acres per mile, and (b) providing for the use and development of other lands and interests in land retained by the company between said points adjacent to the river in a manner which shall complement and not be inconsistent with the purposes for which the lands and interests in land donated by the company are administered under this Act. Said agreement may also include provision for State or local governmental participation as authorized under subsection (e) of section 10 of this Act.

(7) SALMON, MIDDLE FORK, IDAHO.—From its origin to its confluence with the main Salmon River; to be administered by the Secretary

of Agriculture.
(8) Wolf, Wisconsin.—From the Langlade-Menomines County line downstream to Keshena Falls; to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) The agency charged with the administration of each component of the national wild and scenic rivers system designated by subsection

(a) of this section shall, within one year from the date of this Act, establish detailed boundaries therefor (which boundaries shall include an average of not more than three hundred and twenty acres per mile on both sides of the river); determine which of the classes outlined in section 2, subsection (b), of this Act best fit the river or its various segments; and prepare a plan for necessary developments in connection with its administration in accordance with such classification. Said Publication in boundaries, classification, and development plans shall be published Federal Register. in the Federal Register and shall not become effective until ninety days after they have been forwarded to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Sec. 4. (a) The Secretary of the Interior or, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture or, in appropriate cases, the two Secretaries jointly shall study and from time to time submit to the President and the Congress proposals for the addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system of rivers which are designated herein or hereafter by the Congress as potential additions to such system; which, in his or their judgment, fall within one or more of the classes set out in section 2, subsection (b), of this Act; and which are proposed to be administered, wholly or partially, by an agency of the United States. Every such study and plan shall be coordinated with any water resources planning involving the same river which is being conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244; 42 U.S.C. 1962 et seq.).

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a report, including maps and Report, maps, illustrations, showing among other things the area included within the etc. proposal; the characteristics which make the area a worthy addition to the system; the current status of landownership and use in the area; the reasonably foreseeable potential uses of the land and water which would be enhanced, foreclosed, or curtailed if the area were included in the national wild and scenic rivers system; the Federal agency (which in the case of a river which is wholly or substantially within a national forest, shall be the Department of Agriculture) by which it is proposed the area be administered; the extent to which it is proposed that administration, including the costs thereof, be shared by State and local agencies; and the estimated cost to the United States of acquiring necessary lands and interests in land and of administering the area as a component of the system. Each such report shall be printed Printing as as a Senate or House document.

(b) Before submitting any such report to the President and the Congress, copies of the proposed report shall, unless it was prepared jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, be submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture or by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior, as the case may be, and to the Secretary of the Army, the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, the head of any other affected Federal department or agency and, unless the lands proposed to be included in the area are already owned by the United States or have already been authorized for acquisition by Act of Congress, the Governor of the State or States in which they are located or an officer designated by the Governor to receive the same. Any recommendations or comments on the proposal which the said officials furnish the Secretary or Secretaries who prepared the report within ninety days of the date on which the report is submitted to them, together with the Secretary's or Secretaries' comments thereon, shall be included with the transmittal to the President and the Congress. No river or portion of any river shall be added to the national wild and scenic rivers system subsequent to enactment of this Act until the close of the next full session of the State legislature, or legislatures in case more than one

Senate or House document. State is involved, which begins following the submission of any recommendation to the President with respect to such addition as herein provided.

(c) Before approving or disapproving for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system any river designated as a wild, scenic or recreational river by or pursuant to an act of a State legislature, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit the proposal to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Army, the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, and the head of any other affected Federal department or agency and shall evaluate and give due weight to any recommendations or comments which the said officials furnish him within ninety days of the date on which it is submitted to them. If he approves the proposed inclusion, he shall publish notice thereof in the Federal Register.

Publication in Federal Register.

Potential additions. Designation. Sec. 5. (a) The following rivers are hereby designated for potential

addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system:

(1) Allegheny, Pennsylvania: The segment from its mouth to the town of East Brady, Pennsylvania.

(2) Bruneau, Idaho: The entire main stem. (3) Buffalo, Tennessee: The entire river.

(4) Chattooga, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia: The entire river.

(5) Clarion, Pennsylvania: The segment between Ridgway and its

confluence with the Allegheny River.

(6) Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York: The segment from

Hancock, New York, to Matamoras, Pennsylvania.

(7) Flathead, Montana: The North Fork from the Canadian border downstream to its confluence with the Middle Fork; the Middle Fork from its headwaters to its confluence with the South Fork; and the South Fork from its origin to Hungry Horse Reservoir.

(8) Gasconade, Missouri: The entire river.

(9) Illinois, Oregon: The entire river.
(10) Little Beaver, Ohio: The segment of the North and Middle Forks of the Little Beaver River in Columbiana County from a point in the vicinity of Negly and Elkton, Ohio, downstream to a point in

the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio.
(11) Little Miami, Ohio: That segment of the main stem of the river, exclusive of its tributaries, from a point at the Warren-Clermont County line at Loveland, Ohio, upstream to the sources of Little

Miami including North Fork.

- (12) Maumee, Ohio and Indiana: The main stem from Perrysburg, Ohio, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, exclusive of its tributaries in Ohio and inclusive of its tributaries in Indiana.
- (13) Missouri, Montana: The segment between Fort Benton and Ryan Island.

(14) Moyie, Idaho: The segment from the Canadian border to its confluence with the Kootenai River.

(15) Obed, Tennessee: The entire river and its tributaries, Clear Creek and Daddys Creek.

(16) Penobscot, Maine: Its east and west branches. (17) Pere Marquette, Michigan: The entire river.

(18) Pine Creek, Pennsylvania: The segment from Ansonia to Waterville.

(19) Priest, Idaho: The entire main stem.

(20) Rio Grande, Texas: The portion of the river between the west boundary of Hudspeth County and the east boundary of Terrell County on the United States side of the river: Provided, That before undertaking any study of this potential scenic river, the Secretary of the Interior shall determine, through the channels of appropriate

executive agencies, that Mexico has no objection to its being included among the studies authorized by this Act.

(21) Saint Croix, Minnesota and Wisconsin: The segment between the dam near Taylors Falls and its confluence with the Mississippi

(22) Saint Joe, Idaho: The entire main stem.

23) Salmon, Idaho: The segment from the town of North Fork

to its confluence with the Snake River.

- (24) Skagit, Washington: The segment from the town of Mount Vernon to and including the mouth of Bacon Creek: the Cascade River between its mouth and the junction of its North and South Forks; the South Fork to the boundary of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area; the Suiattle River from its mouth to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area boundary at Milk Creek; the Sauk River from its mouth to its junction with Elliott Creek; the North Fork of the Sauk River from its junction with the South Fork of the Sauk to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area
- (25) Suwannee, Georgia and Florida: The entire river from its source in the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia to the gulf and the outlying Ichetucknee Springs, Florida.

(26) Upper Iowa, Iowa: The entire river.

(27) Youghiogheny, Maryland and Pennsylvania: The segment from Oakland, Maryland, to the Youghiogheny Reservoir, and from the Youghiogheny Dam downstream to the town of Connellsville,

Pennsylvania,

(b) The Secretary of the Interior and, where national forest lands Studies. are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture shall proceed as expeditiously as possible to study each of the rivers named in subsection (a) of this section in order to determine whether it should be included in the national wild and scenic rivers system. Such studies shall be completed and reports made thereon to the President and the Congress, as provided in section 4 of this Act, within ten years from the date of this Act: Provided, however. That with respect to the Suwannee River, Georgia and Florida, and the Upper Iowa River, Iowa, such study shall be completed and reports made thereon to the President and the Congress, as provided in section 4 of this Act, within two years from the date of enactment of this Act. In conducting these studies the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall give priority to those rivers with respect to which there is the greatest likelihood of developments which, if undertaken, would render them unsuitable for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system.

(c) The study of any of said rivers shall be pursued in as close cooperation with appropriate agencies of the affected State and its political subdivisions as possible, shall be carried on jointly with such agencies if request for such joint study is made by the State, and shall include a determination of the degree to which the State or its political subdivisions might participate in the preservation and administration of the river should it be proposed for inclusion in the national wild

and scenic rivers system.

(d) In all planning for the use and development of water and related land resources, consideration shall be given by all Federal agencies involved to potential national wild, scenic and recreational river areas, and all river basin and project plan reports submitted to the Congress shall consider and discuss any such potentials. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall make specific studies and investigations to determine which additional wild, scenic and recreational river areas within the United States shall be evaluated in planning reports by all Federal agencies as potential alternative uses of the water and related land resources involved.

Land acquisition. Sec. 6. (a) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each authorized to acquire lands and interests in land within the authorized boundaries of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system designated in section 3 of this Act, or hereafter designated for inclusion in the system by Act of Congress, which is administered by him, but he shall not acquire fee title to an average of more than 100 acres per mile on both sides of the river. Lands owned by a State may be acquired only by donation, and lands owned by an Indian tribe or a political subdivision of a State may not be acquired without the consent of the appropriate governing body thereof as long as the Indian tribe or political subdivision is following a plan for management and protection of the lands which the Secretary finds protects the land and assures its use for purposes consistent with this Act. Money appropriated for Federal purposes from the land and water conservation fund shall, without prejudice to the use of appropriations from other sources, be available to Federal departments and agencies for the acquisition of property for the purposes of this Act.

(b) If 50 per centum or more of the entire acreage within a federally administered wild, scenic or recreational river area is owned by the United States, by the State or States within which it lies, or by political subdivisions of those States, neither Secretary shall acquire fee title to any lands by condemnation under authority of this Act. Nothing contained in this section, however, shall preclude the use of condemnation when necessary to clear title or to acquire scenic casements or such other easements as are reasonably necessary to give the public access to the river and to permit its members to traverse the

length of the area or of selected segments thereof.

(c) Neither the Secretary of the Interior nor the Secretary of Agriculture may acquire lands by condemnation, for the purpose of including such lands in any national wild, scenic or recreational river area, if such lands are located within any incorporated city, village, or horough which has in force and applicable to such lands a duly adopted, valid zoning ordinance that conforms with the purposes of this Act. In order to carry out the provisions of this subsection the appropriate Secretary shall issue guidelines, specifying standards for local zoning ordinances, which are consistent with the purposes of this Act. The standards specified in such guidelines shall have the object of (A) prohibiting new commercial or industrial uses other than commercial or industrial uses which are consistent with the purposes of this Act, and (B) the protection of the bank lands by means of acreage, frontage, and setback requirements on development.

(d) The appropriate Secretary is authorized to accept title to non-Federal property within the authorized boundaries of any federally administered component of the national wild and scenic rivers system designated in section 3 of this Act or hereafter designated for inclusion in the system by Act of Congress and, in exchange therefor, convey to the grantor any federally owned property which is under his jurisdiction within the State in which the component lies and which he classifies as suitable for exchange or other disposal. The values of the properties so exchanged either shall be approximately equal or, if they are not approximately equal, shall be equalized by the payment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the circumstances require.

(e) The head of any Federal department or agency having adminis-

(e) The head of any Federal department or agency having administrative jurisdiction over any lands or interests in land within the authorized boundaries of any federally administered component of the national wild and scenic rivers system designated in section 3 of this Act or hereafter designated for inclusion in the system by Act of Congress in authorized to transfer to the appropriate secretary jurisdic-

tion over such lands for administration in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Lands acquired by or transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purposes of this Act within or adjacent to a national forest shall upon such acquisition or transfer become national forest lands.

(f) The appropriate Secretary is authorized to accept donations of lands and interests in land, funds, and other property for use in connection with his administration of the national wild and scenic rivers

- (g) (1) Any owner or owners (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as "owner") of improved property on the date of its acquisition, may retain for themselves and their successors or assigns a right of use and occupancy of the improved property for noncommercial residential purposes for a definite term not to exceed twenty-five years or, in lieu thereof, for a term ending at the death of the owner, or the death of his spouse, or the death of either or both of them. The owner shall elect the term to be reserved. The appropriate Secretary shall pay to the owner the fair market value of the property on the date of such acquisition less the fair market value on such date of the right retained by the owner.
- (2) A right of use and occupancy retained pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to termination whenever the appropriate Secretary is given reasonable cause to find that such use and occupancy is being exercised in a manner which conflicts with the purposes of this Act. In the event of such a finding, the Secretary shall tender to the holder of that right an amount equal to the fair market value of that portion of the right which remains unexpired on the date of termination. Such right of use or occupancy shall terminate by operation of law upon tender of the fair market price.

(3) The term "improved property", as used in this Act, means a "Improved detached, one-family dwelling (hereinafter referred to as "dwelling"), the construction of which was begun before January 1, 1967, together with so much of the land on which the dwelling is situated, the said land being in the same ownership as the dwelling, as the appropriate Secretary shall designate to be reasonably necessary for the enjoyment of the dwelling for the sole purpose of noncommercial residential use, together with any structures accessory to the dwelling which are sit-

uated on the land so designated.

Sec. 7. (a) The Federal Power Commission shall not license the Water resources construction of any dam, water conduit, reservoir, powerhouse, transmission line, or other project works under the Federal Power Act (41 Stat. 1063), as amended (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.), on or directly affecting any river which is designated in section 3 of this Act as a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system or which is hereafter designated for inclusion in that system, and no department or agency of the United States shall assist by loan, grant, license, or otherwise in the construction of any water resources project that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which such river was established, as determined by the Secretary charged with its administration. Nothing contained in the foregoing sentence, however, shall preclude licensing of, or assistance to, developments below or above. a wild, scenic or recreational river area or on any stream tributary thereto which will not invade the area or unreasonably diminish the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife values present in the area on the date of approval of this Act. No department or agency of the United States shall recommend authorization of any water resources project that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which such river was established, as determined by the Secretary charged with its administration, or request appropriations to begin

Right of use and occupancy.

property."

projects. Restrictions.

construction of any such project, whether heretofore or hereafter authorized, without advising the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, in writing of its intention so to do at least sixty days in advance, and without specifically reporting to the Congress in writing at the time it makes its recommendation or request in what respect construction of such project would be in conflict with the purposes of this Act and would affect the component and the values to be protected by it under this Act.

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(b) The Federal Power Commission shall not license the construction of any dam, water conduit, reservoir, powerhouse, transmission line, or other project works under the Federal Power Act, as amended, on or directly affecting any river which is listed in section 5, subsection (a), of this Act, and no department or agency of the United States shall assist by loan, grant, license, or otherwise in the construction of any water resources project that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which such river might be designated, as determined by the Secretary responsible for its study or approval-

(i) during the five-year period following enactment of this Act unless, prior to the expiration of said period, the Secretary of the Interior and, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture, on the basis of study, conclude that such river should not be included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and publish notice to that effect in the Federal Register,

(ii) during such additional period thereafter as, in the case of any river which is recommended to the President and the Congress for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system, is necessary for congressional consideration thereof or, in the case of any river recommended to the Secretary of the Interior for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system under section 2(a) (ii) of this Act, is necessary for the Secretary's consideration thereof, which additional period, however, shall not exceed three years in the first case and one year in the second.

Nothing contained in the foregoing sentence, however, shall preclude licensing of, or assistance to, developments below or above a potential wild, scenic or recreational river area or on any stream tributary thereto which will not invade the area or diminish the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife values present in the potential wild, scenic or recreational river area on the date of approval of this Act. No department or agency of the United States shall, during the periods hereinbefore specified, recommend authorization of any water resources project on any such river or request appropriations to begin construction of any such project, whether heretofore or hereafter authorized, without advising the Secretary of the Interior and, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture in writing of its intention so to do at least sixty days in advance of doing so and without specifically reporting to the Congress in writing at the time it makes its recommendation or request in what respect construction of such project would be in conflict with the purposes of this Act and would affect the component and the values to be protected by it under this Act.

(c) The Federal Power Commission and all other Federal agencies shall, promptly upon enactment of this Act, inform the Secretary of the Interior and, where national forest lands are involved, the Secretary of Agriculture, of any proceedings, studies, or other activities within their jurisdiction which are now in progress and which affect or may affect any of the rivers specified in section 5, subsection (a), of this Act. They shall likewise inform him of any such proceedings, studies, or other activities which are hereafter commenced or resumed

before they are commenced or resumed.

49 Stat. 863. 16 USC 791a.

Publication in Federal Register.

(d) Nothing in this section with respect to the making of a loan or grant shall apply to grants made under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897; 16 U.S.C. 4601-5 et seq.).

Sec. 8. (a) All public lands within the authorized boundaries of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system which is designated in section 3 of this Act or which is hereafter designated for inclusion in that system are hereby withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws of the United States.

(b) All public lands which constitute the bed or bank, or are within one-quarter mile of the bank, of any river which is listed in section 5, subsection (a), of this Act are hereby withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws of the United States for the periods specified in section 7, subsection (b), of this Act.

Sec. 9. (a) Nothing in this Act shall affect the applicability of the Mining and United States mining and mineral leasing laws within components of mineral leas-

the national wild and scenic rivers system except that-

(i) all prospecting, mining operations, and other activities on mining claims which, in the case of a component of the system designated in section 3 of this Act, have not heretofore been perfected or which, in the case of a component hereafter designated pursuant to this Act or any other Act of Congress, are not perfected before its inclusion in the system and all mining operations and other activities under a mineral lease, license, or permit issued or renewed after inclusion of a component in the system shall be

prescribe to effectuate the purposes of this Act: (ii) subject to valid existing rights, the perfection of, or issuance of a patent to, any mining claim affecting lands within the system shall confer or convey a right or title only to the mineral deposits and such rights only to the use of the surface and the surface resources as are reasonably required to carrying on prospecting or mining operations and are consistent with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior or, in the case of national forest lands, by the Secretary of Agriculture;

subject to such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior or, in the case of national forest lands, the Secretary of Agriculture may

(iii) subject to valid existing rights, the minerals in Federal lands which are part of the system and constitute the bed or bank or are situated within one-quarter mile of the bank of any river designated a wild river under this Act or any subsequent Act are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws and from operation of the mineral leasing laws including, in both cases, amendments thereto.

Regulations issued pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection shall, among other things, provide safeguards against pollution of the river involved and unnecessary impairment of the scenery within

the component in question.

(b) The minerals in any Federal lands which constitute the bed or bank or are situated within one-quarter mile of the bank of any river which is listed in section 5, subsection (a) of this Act are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws during the periods specified in section 7, subsection (b) of this Act. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to forbid prospecting or the issuance or leases, licenses, and permits under the mineral leasing laws subject to such conditions as the Secretary of the Interior and, in the case of national forest lands, the Secretary of Agriculture find appropriate to safeguard the area in the event it is subsequently included in the system.

ing laws.

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Administration.

SEC. 10. (a) Each component of the national wild and scenic rivers system shall be administered in such manner as to protect and enhance the values which caused it to be included in said system without, insofar as is consistent therewith, limiting other uses that do not substantially interfere with public use and enjoyment of these values. In such administration primary emphasis shall be given to protecting its esthetic, scenic, historic, archeologic, and scientific features. Management plans for any such component may establish varying degrees of intensity for its protection and development, based on the special attributes of the area.

(b) Any portion of a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system that is within the national wilderness preservation system, as established by or pursuant to the Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 890: 16 U.S.C., ch. 23), shall be subject to the provisions of both the Wilderness Act and this Act with respect to preservation of such river and its immediate environment, and in case of conflict between the provisions of these Acts the more restrictive provisions shall

apply.

(c) Any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system that is administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service shall become a part of the national park system, and any such component that is administered by the Secretary through the Fish and Wildlife Service shall become a part of the national wildlife refuge system. The lands involved shall be subject to the provisions of this Act and the Acts under which the national park system or national wildlife system, as the case may be, is administered, and in case of conflict between the provisions of these Acts, the more restrictive provisions shall apply. The Secretary of the Interior, in his administration of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system, may utilize such general statutory authorities relating to areas of the national park system and such general statutory authorities otherwise available to him for recreation and preservation purposes and for the conservation and management of natural resources as he deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(d) The Secretary of Agriculture, in his administration of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system area, may utilize the general statutory authorities relating to the national forests in such manner as he deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(e) The Federal agency charged with the administration of any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system may enter into written cooperative agreements with the Governor of a State, the head of any State agency, or the appropriate official of a political subdivision of a State for State or local governmental participation in the administration of the component. The States and their political subdivisions shall be encouraged to cooperate in the planning and administration of components of the system which include or adjoin State- or county-owned lands.

Sec. 11. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall encourage and assist the States to consider, in formulating and carrying out their comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plans and proposals for financing assistance for State and local projects submitted pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897), needs and opportunities for establishing State and local wild, scenic and recreational river areas. He shall also, in accordance with the authority contained in the Act of May 28, 1963 (77 Stat. 49), provide technical assistance and advice to, and cooperate with, States, political subdivisions, and private interests, including nonprofit organizations, with respect to establishing such wild, scenic and recreational river areas.

16 USC 1131 note.

Cooperative agreements with State or local governments.

Assistance in financing State and local proj-

16 USC 4601-4 note.

16 USC 4601-4601-3.

(b) The Secretaries of Agriculture and of Health, Education, and Welfare shall likewise, in accordance with the authority vested in them, assist, advise, and cooperate with State and local agencies and private interests with respect to establishing such wild, scenic and recreational river areas.

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SEC. 12. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and heads of other Federal agencies shall review administrative and management policies, regulations, contracts, and plans affecting lands under their respective jurisdictions which include, border upon, or are adjacent to the rivers listed in subsection (a) of section 5 of this Act in order to determine what actions should be taken to protect such rivers during the period they are being considered for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. Particular attention shall be given to scheduled timber harvesting, road construction, and similar activities which might be contrary to the purposes of this Act.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate any existing rights, privileges, or contracts affecting Federal lands held by any

private party without the consent of said party.

(c) The head of any agency administering a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system shall cooperate with the Secretary of the Interior and with the appropriate State water pollution control agencies for the purpose of eliminating or diminishing the pollution of waters of the river.

SEC. 13. (a) Nothing in this Act shall affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the States with respect to fish and wildlife. Hunting and fishing shall be permitted on lands and waters administered as parts of the system under applicable State and Federal laws and regulations unless, in the case of hunting, those lands or waters are within a national park or monument. The administering Secretary may, however, designate zones where, and establish periods when, no hunting is permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment and shall issue appropriate regulations after consultation with the wildlife agency of the State or States affected.

(b) The jurisdiction of the States and the United States over waters of any stream included in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall be determined by established principles of law. Under the provisions of this Act, any taking by the United States of a water right which is vested under either State or Federal law at the time such river is included in the national wild and scenic rivers system shall entitle the owner thereof to just compensation. Nothing in this Act shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from State water laws.

(c) Designation of any stream or portion thereof as a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall not be construed as a reservation of the waters of such streams for purposes other than those specified in this Act, or in quantities greater than necessary to accomplish these

purposes.

(d) The jurisdiction of the States over waters of any stream included in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area shall be unaffected by this Act to the extent that such jurisdiction may be exercised without impairing the purposes of this Act or its administration.

(e) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to alter, amend, 82 STAT. 918 repeal, interpret, modify, or be in conflict with any interstate compact made by any States which contain any portion of the national wild and

scenic rivers system.

(f) Nothing in this Act shall affect existing rights of any State, including the right of access, with respect to the beds of navigable streams, tributaries, or rivers (or segments thereof) located in a national wild, scenic or recreational river area.

Administration and management policies. Review.

Fish and wild-Jurisdiction under State and Federal

Compensation for water rights.

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(g) The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, as the case may be, may grant easements and rights-of-way upon, over, under, across, or through any component of the national wild and scenic rivers system in accordance with the laws applicable to the national park system and the national forest system, respectively: *Provided*. That any conditions precedent to granting such easements and rights-of-way shall be related to the policy and purpose of this Act.

Claim and allowance as charitable contribution or wift. 76 Stat. 1034. 68A Stat. 410.

Sec. 14. The claim and allowance of the value of an easement as a charitable contribution under section 170 of title 26. United States Code, or as a gift under section 2522 of said title shall constitute an agreement by the donor on behalf of himself, his heirs, and assigns that, if the terms of the instrument creating the easement are violated, the donee or the United States may acquire the servient estate at its fair market value as of the time the easement was donated minus the value of the easement claimed and allowed as a charitable contribution or gift.

Definitions.

Sec. 15, As used in this Act, the term-

(a) "River" means a flowing body of water or estuary or a section, portion, or tributary thereof, including rivers, streams, creeks, runs, kills, rills, and small lakes.

(b) "Free-flowing", as applied to any river or section of a river, means existing or flowing in natural condition without impoundment, diversion, straightening, rip-rapping, or other modification of the waterway. The existence, however, of low dams, diversion works, and other minor structures at the time any river is proposed for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers system shall not automatically bar its consideration for such inclusion: *Provided*. That this shall not be construed to authorize, intend, or encourage future construction of such structures within components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

(c) "Scenic easement" means the right to control the use of land (including the air space above such land) for the purpose of protecting the scenic view from the river, but such control shall not affect, without the owner's consent, any regular use exercised prior to the

acquisition of the easement.

Appropriations.

Sec. 16. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary, but not more than \$17,000,000, for the acquisition of lands and interests in land under the provisions of this Act.

Approved October 2, 1968.

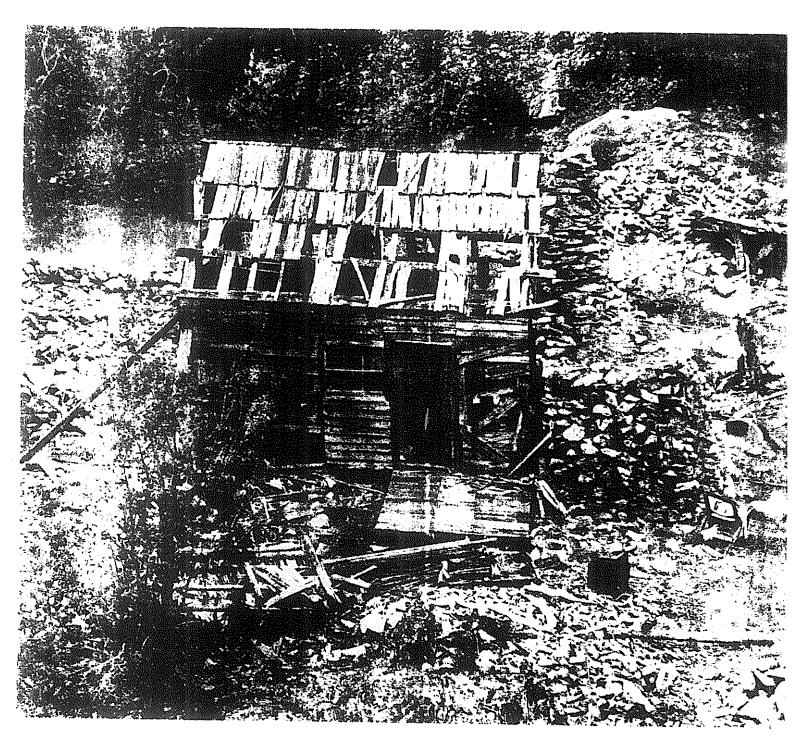
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