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An American Legacy

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Announcement of book and slide-show programs:

Wild and Scenic Rivers: An American Legacy, published by Oregon State University Press, presents an illuminating portrait of the world's premier system for the protection of natural rivers. Award-winning author and photographer Tim Palmer reveals the history and essential policies of the wild and scenic program and showcases 160 spectacular color photos of designated rivers from all parts of the country.

Throughout 2018 Tim will be available to speak about the wild and scenic rivers system with a slide show featuring many of the protected rivers and highlighting key people who have championed this program. Inquire directly with Tim regarding scheduling and terms: tim@timpalmer.org.

Tim is the author and photographer of 25 books about rivers, the environment, and adventure travel. As a writer, citizen conservationist, and former environmental planner he has been involved in the wild and scenic rivers system almost since its founding. See his work at www.timpalmer.org.

Endorsements of *Wild and Scenic Rivers: An American Legacy*:

Tim Palmer has created a glorious book of photos, but Wild and Scenic Rivers is far more than that. Read it from cover to cover! All who shoulder responsibility for administering our wild and scenic rivers will find this narrative not just useful and entertaining, but also essential to what we do.

Chris Brown, Director, Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers, U.S Forest Service, retired.

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President Jimmy Carter.

There is magic in rivers and in the camera and pen of Tim Palmer. Read this book to understand how and why moving water has become a key component of our environmental ethic.

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Wild and Scenic Rivers celebrates this creative conservation initiative with 160 stunning photographs and a lively history involving citizen activists, scientists, dedicated public officials, and enlightened political leaders. As the 50th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act approaches, award-winning author and photographer Tim Palmer illuminates the values of this irreplaceable system of free-flowing streams, probes its problems, and addresses its future.

With a depth of experience dating almost to the inception of the wild and scenic rivers program, Palmer has captured the splendor and essence of our most extraordinary rivers with his camera, and he has told their remarkable story as no one else could do.

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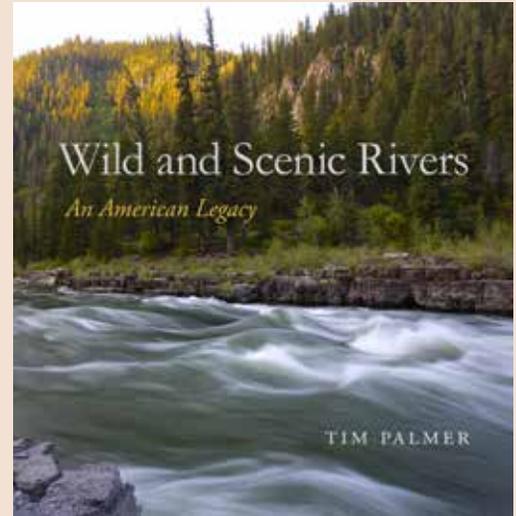
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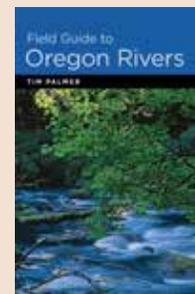
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Field Guide to Oregon Rivers
TIM PALMER
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“The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is more important today than ever. My father Stewart helped shepherd the Act through Congress in 1968 as Secretary of the Department of Interior, and he would have considered Tim Palmer’s careful chronicle of the Act’s successes and challenges a must-read for American conservationists.”
—Senator Tom Udall, New Mexico



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Front: Sunrise begins to warm Alpine Canyon of the Snake River downstream from Jackson, Wyoming
Back: Grande Ronde River, Oregon
AUTHOR PHOTOGRAPH: Ann Vileisis
JACKET DESIGN: Erin Kirk New

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“In difficult times, sources of inspiration are treasured. Tim Palmer’s enchanting photographs and engaging story-telling remind me, viscerally, why saving free-flowing rivers from harm is essential, not only for the world’s biology, but for its soul. This 50th anniversary celebration of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act immerses readers in the timelessness of America’s most cherished rivers and instills gratitude for the dedicated leaders who created this unique system of protected rivers. Read Tim’s book to be inspired!”—Rebecca Wodder, former President and CEO, American Rivers

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