



# 50 Years of Wild and Scenic Rivers

Building a Conservation Legacy  
for the Next 50 Years

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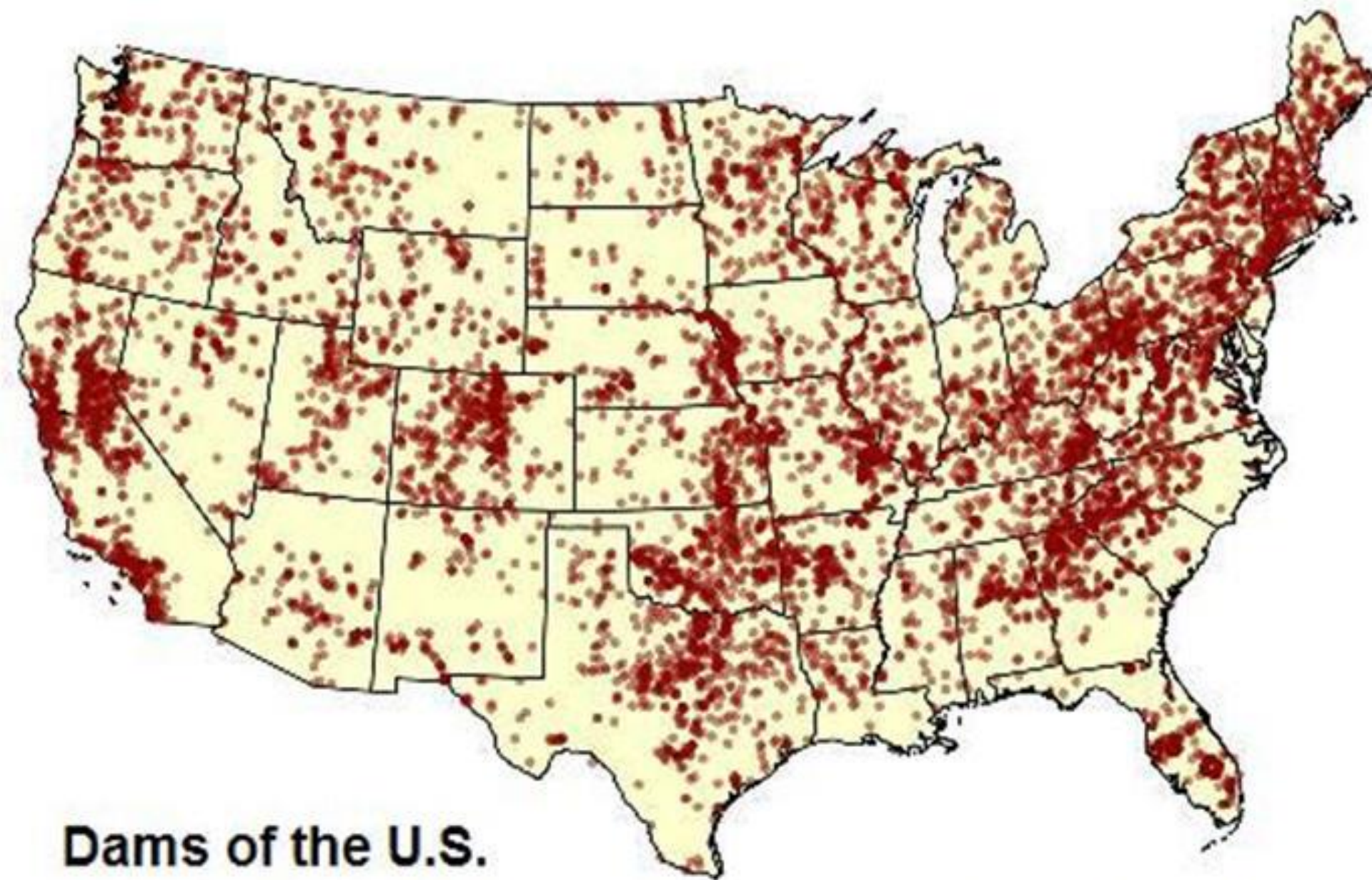
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## Dams of the U.S.

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# Middle Fork Flathead River, Montana











U.S. President Lyndon Jphnson, 1968









# NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

## Designations as of November 2016

### The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

Established by Congress under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created to preserve the free-flow, water quality, and outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values of select rivers for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Act is notable for safeguarding the special character of these rivers, while also recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and development. It encourages river management that crosses political boundaries and promotes public participation in developing goals for river protection.

More information about the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System or specific designated rivers can be found at the Interagency Wild & Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council's website, [www.rivers.gov](http://www.rivers.gov), or by contacting one of the federal river administering agencies:



**U.S. Forest Service**  
[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)



**National Park Service**  
[www.nps.gov/nr](http://www.nps.gov/nr)



**Bureau of Land Management**  
[www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)



**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

#### Names of Numbered Wild and Scenic Rivers

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Sandy                 | 15 Deschutes           | 30 Grouse and Blaine  |
| 2 Zig Zag               | 16 North Fork Crooked  | 31 Willamette Creek   |
| 3 Middle Fork Hood      | 17 Whittaker Creek     | 32 North Fork Ogish   |
| 4 Steel Fork Hood       | 18 North Fork South    | 33 Red Canyon         |
| 5 Freeman Creek         | 19 River Sky           | 34 South Fork Ogish   |
| 6 White                 | 20 Big Wash            | 35 Snake Creek        |
| 7 Salmon                | 21 Crescent Creek      | 36 Snake Creek        |
| 8 Chinaman              | 22 Little Deschutes    | 37 Deschutes Creek    |
| 9 Colman                | 23 Crooked             | 38 Little Snake Creek |
| 10 Fall Creek           | 24 North Fork Crooked  | 39 Big Snake Creek    |
| 11 South Fork Clackamas | 25 South Fork John Day | 40 Carson Creek and   |
| 12 Rearing and          | 26 North Fork John Day | 41 Cottonwood Creek   |
| 13 South Fork Rearing   | 27 North Fork          | 42 Sheep Creek        |
| 14 Eagle Creek          | 28 Joseph Creek        |                       |
| 15 Metolite             | 29 Lostine             |                       |



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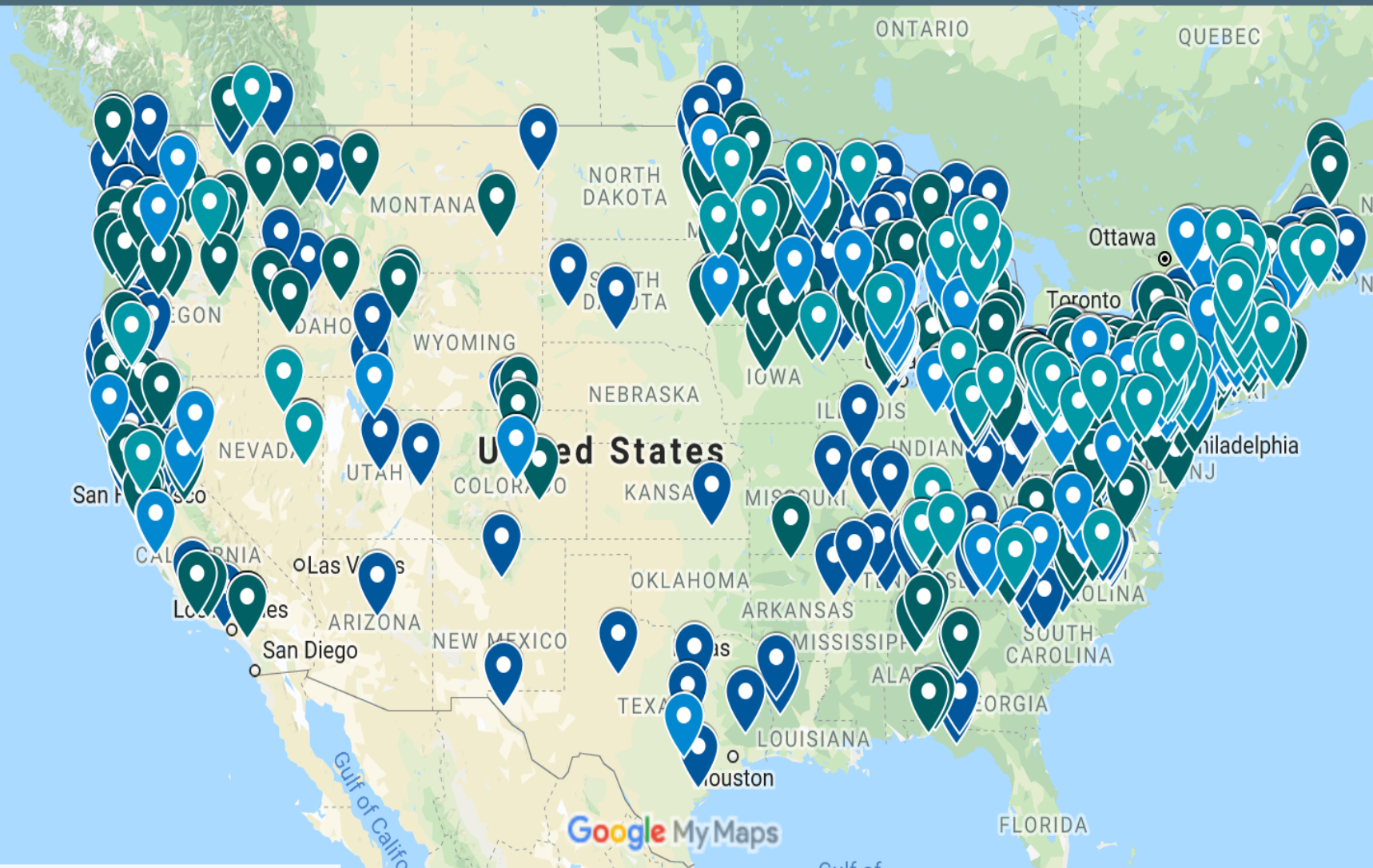


- 1 Sandy
- 2 Zig Zag
- 3 Middle Fork Hood
- 4 East Fork Hood
- 5 Fifteenmile Creek
- 6 White
- 7 Salmon
- 8 Clackamas
- 9 Collawash
- 10 Fish Creek
- 11 South Fork Clackamas
- 12 Roaring and South Fork Roaring
- 13 Eagle Creek
- 14 Metolius
- 15 Deschutes
- 16 North Fork Crooked
- 17 Whychus Creek
- 18 North Fork Smith
- 19 River Styx
- 20 Big Marsh
- 21 Crescent Creek
- 22 Little Deschutes
- 23 Crooked
- 24 North Fork Crooked
- 25 South Fork John Day
- 26 North Fork John Day
- 27 North Powder
- 28 Joseph Creek
- 29 Lostine Creek
- 30 Donner und Blitzen
- 31 Wildhorse Creek and Kiger Creek
- 32 North Fork Owyhee





## U.S. Dams Removed 1916-2017 ☆

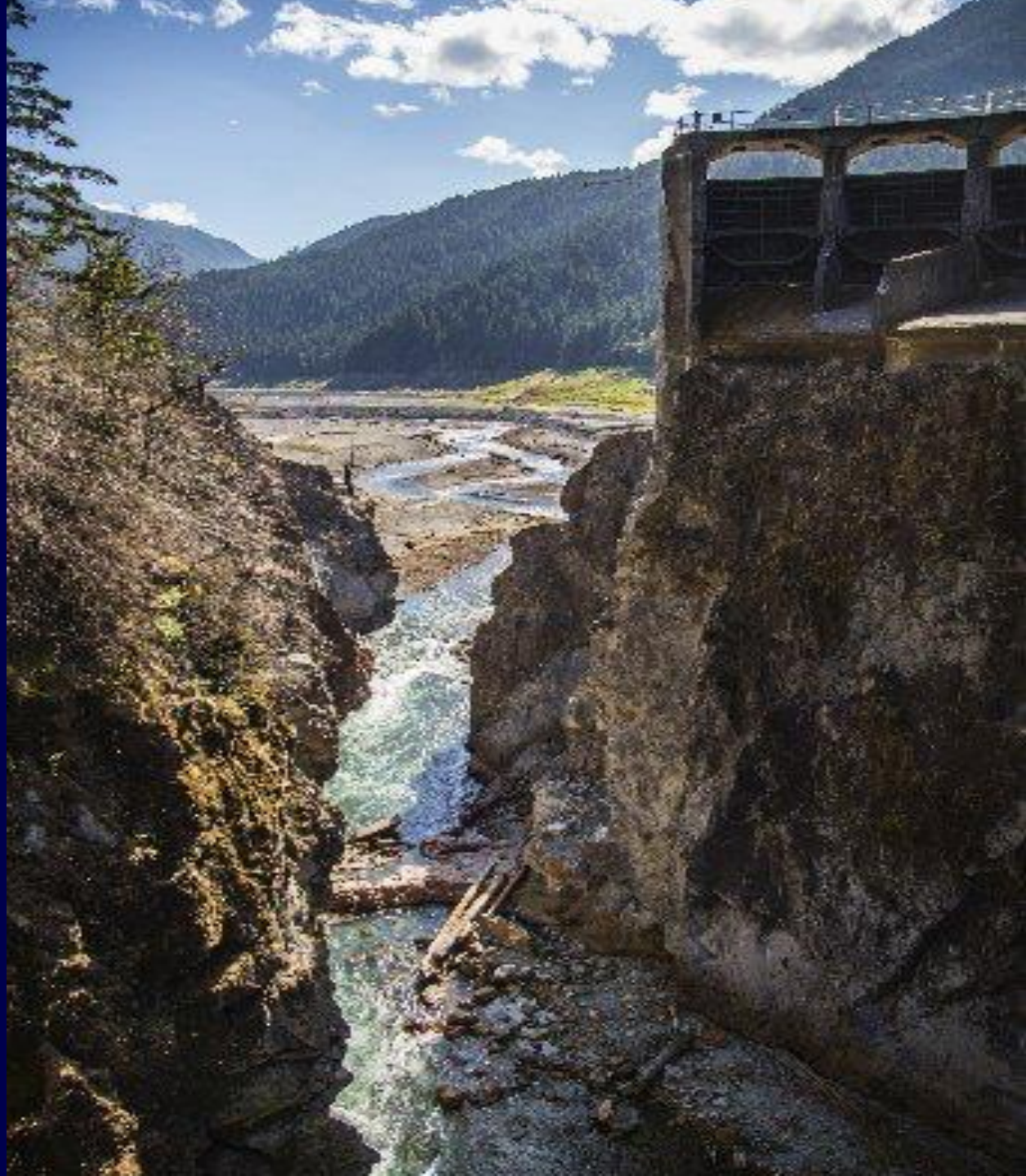






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# How Wild and Scenic Protects a River

- No new dams, barriers or water resource projects
- “Protects and Enhances” the river’s outstanding values
- Protects riverside lands
- Establishes water right
- Establishes a River Management Plan





# Assessment of Potential Wild and Scenic Rivers

- Federal agencies study rivers and classify them as “eligible”
- Criteria:
  - Free-flowing
  - Have at least one “Outstandingly Remarkable Value”
- Administrative protections





# Active, Pending, and Recently Completed Resource Management Plans Across the BLM Domain

March 2016

- BLM
- Active Plans
- Plans Finalized in 2015
- Pending Plans





# Nationwide Rivers Inventory

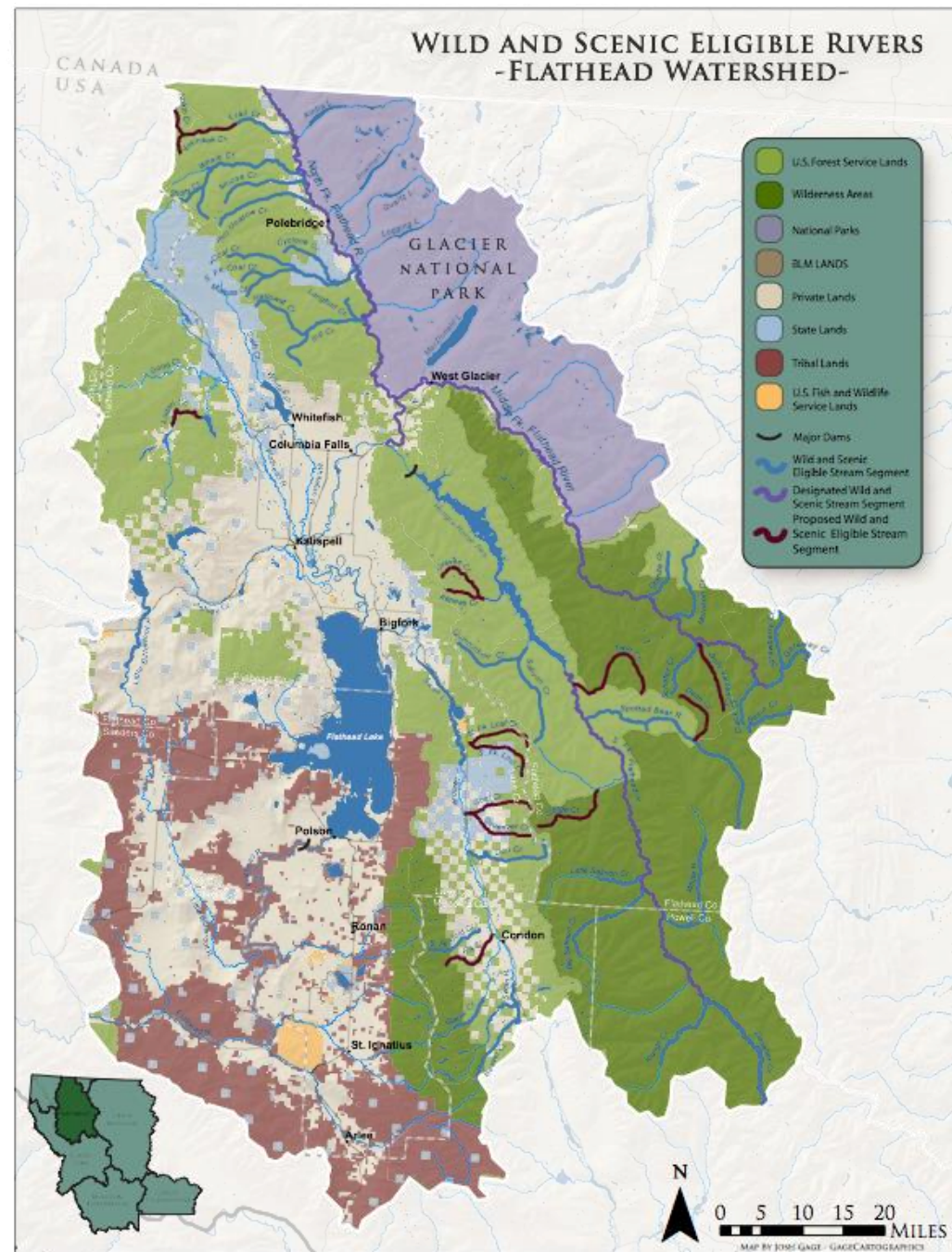






# Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Report

Second Edition, August 20, 2012





# Designation of Wild and Scenic Rivers

- Designation by Act of U.S. Congress
- Governor of a state petitions the federal government







Niobrara River, Nebraska





East Rosebud Creek, Montana





Fossil Creek, Arizona

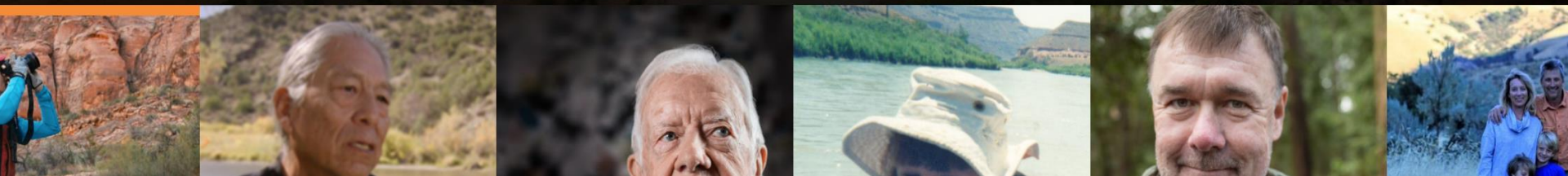


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# #5000 MILES OF WILD

5000 MILES. 5000 STORIES. ONE UNIFIED VOICE  
FOR OUR NATION'S RIVERS.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, we want to protect 5,000 new miles of wild rivers and collect 5000 stories from people like you. Share your stories, share your love of wild rivers and take action to protect them.



(8,046.72 km of Wild)





Upper Green River, Wyoming





Nooksack River, Washington





Gila River, New Mexico







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