

Interior. Such evaluation shall include the gathering and analysis of data on water quality, pollution, the status of fish populations and aquatic organisms, fish habitat, game populations and shore habitats, recreation use, recreation impact, appropriateness of access, management procedures, developments, watershed condition and trend, and other data needed to evaluate the resources. The method used shall be sufficiently uniform as to permit comparisons of the same river area from time to time and to be of value in comparing one river area with another. The information gathered for evaluation should be collected with a view to utilizing it in long range management of the various class of scenic rivers. The evaluation methods should be prepared by trained fishery and wildlife biologists, ecologists, and other appropriately trained scientists.

SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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AN ACT To reserve certain public lands for a National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide a procedure for adding additional public lands and other lands to the system, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Wild and Scenic Rivers Act".

STATEMENT OF POLICY

SEC. 2. (a) The Congress finds that some of the free-flowing rivers of the United States and related adjacent land areas possess outstanding scenic, fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation values of present and potential benefit to the American people. The Congress also finds that our 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. It is the policy of Congress to preserve, develop, reclaim, and make accessible for the benefit of all of the American people, selected parts of the Nation's diminishing resource of free-flowing rivers. For this purpose there is hereby established a National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to be composed of (a) the areas designated by this Act or subsequent Acts as "national wild river areas" and "national scenic river areas," and (b) those State or locally administered wild or scenic river areas designated by the Secretary of Interior as part of the system. Areas designated as national "wild" or "scenic" river areas by subsequent Acts of Congress shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this Act unless the subsequent Acts provide otherwise.

DEFINITION OF WILD RIVER AREA

(b) A wild river area eligible to be included in the System is a stream or section of a stream, tributary, or river—and the related adjacent lands—located in a sparsely populated, natural, and rugged environment where the river is free flowing and unpolluted, or where the river should be restored to such condition, in order to promote sound water conservation, and promote the public use and enjoyment of the scenic, fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation values.

DEFINITION OF SCENIC RIVER AREA

(c) A scenic river area eligible to be included in the System is a stream or section of a stream, tributary, or river—and the related adjacent lands—that is unpolluted and should be left in its pastoral or scenic attractiveness, or that should be restored to such condition, in order to protect, develop, and make accessible its significant national outdoor recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.