

# Northern Region Wild and Scenic Rivers Workshop

March 7-9, 2017

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## Location

Whitefish, Montana

## Goal

Increased understanding of the protection requirements associated with managing a designated wild and scenic river (WSR) and how to conduct WSR study in forest planning.

## Objectives

Increase participants' knowledge in:

- The protection requirements of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Act) including review of projects subject to Section 7(a)
- Revising a comprehensive river management plan (CRMP)
- Conducting WSR study in forest planning and the protection requirements associated with eligible or suitable WSRs

## Day 1, Tuesday

### Welcome, Overview & Management

1:00 p.m.	Welcome	Host
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introductions</li><li>• Workshop Goal, Objectives and Organization – Jimmy Gaudry</li><li>• Workshop Notebook</li><li>• Your WSR Questions</li></ul>	
1:30 p.m.	Group Exercise (Appendix A)	Jackie Diedrich
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contents of a CRMP</li></ul>	
1:40 p.m.	Overview of Act	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Genesis of Act</li><li>• Key Provisions</li></ul>	
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:45 p.m.	Overview of Act (continued)	Jackie

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**Day 1, Tuesday (continued)**

3:15 p.m.	Management Course Introduction	Mollie Chaudet
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desired Outcomes</li> <li>• Course Content</li> </ul>	
3:20 p.m.	Management Pretest (Appendix B)	Mollie
3:30 p.m.	Values	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source</li> <li>• Flathead WSR Resource Assessment Case Study – Chris Prew</li> </ul>	
3:50 p.m.	Classification	Mollie
4:05 p.m.	Boundary	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment</li> <li>• Requirements for Final Boundary</li> <li>• Amending a Boundary</li> </ul>	
4:20 p.m.	Large-group Exercise (Appendix C)	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing the Boundary (Lateral Corridor)</li> </ul>	
4:35 p.m.	Bin Items	
4:45 p.m.	Adjourn	

**Day 2, Wednesday**  
**Management, Section 7 & Introduction to Study**

8:00 a.m.	Recap and Review	Jackie
8:05 a.m.	Management Plan	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Reports (Appendix A)</li> <li>• Contents of a CRMP</li> <li>• Your CRMP Review (Large-group Exercise)</li> </ul>	
8:30 a.m.	User Capacity	Mollie

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**Day 2, Wednesday (continued)**

8:50 a.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix D)	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• User Capacity</li></ul>		
9:05 a.m.	Lands and Minerals	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acquisition Procedures (Section 6)</li><li>• Public Lands (Section 8)</li><li>• Minerals (Section 9)</li></ul>		
9:25 a.m.	Break	
9:40 a.m.	Management Direction	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nondegradation and Enhancement Policy (Section 10(a))</li><li>• Wilderness (Section 10(b))</li><li>• General Statutory Authorities (Sections 10(c) and 10(d))</li></ul>		
10:00 a.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix E)	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protect and Enhance</li></ul>		
10:25 a.m.	Cooperative Management	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooperative Agreements (Section 10(e))</li><li>• Federal Assistance (Section 11(b)(1))</li></ul>		
10:45 a.m.	Management Policies	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Direction to Other Federal Agencies (Section 12(a))</li><li>• Existing Rights (Section 12(b))</li><li>• Water Quality (Section 12(c))</li></ul>		
11:00 a.m.	Jurisdiction	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fish and Wildlife (Section 13(a))</li><li>• Federal Reserved Water Right (Section 13(c))</li><li>• Interstate Compacts (Section 13(e))</li><li>• Navigability (Section 13(f))</li><li>• Easements and ROW (Section 13(g))</li></ul>		

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**Day 2, Wednesday (continued)**

11:15 a.m.	Management Course Conclusion	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• References</li><li>• Key Points</li><li>• Post Test (Appendix B)</li></ul>		

11:25 a.m.	Program Update & 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Northern and National Program Status</li><li>• Ideas to Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2018)</li></ul>		

12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
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**Section 7**

1:00 p.m.	Section 7 Course Introduction	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Desired Outcomes</li><li>• Course Content</li></ul>		

1:05 p.m.	Section 7 Pretest (Appendix F)	Mollie
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1:15 p.m.	Context	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intent</li><li>• Definitions</li><li>• Is this a WRP? (Large-group Exercise)</li><li>• Standards Introduction</li><li>• Statutory Exercise (Appendix G)</li><li>• Standards Discussion</li></ul>		

2:00 p.m.	Tools	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flow Charts</li><li>• Applying Standards (Large-group Exercise)</li></ul>		

2:30 p.m.	Break	
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2:45 p.m.	Process/Analysis	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process and Roles</li><li>• Analysis</li><li>• Determination</li></ul>		

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3:00 p.m.	Section 7 Course Conclusion	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References</li> <li>• Key Points</li> <li>• Post Test (Appendix F)</li> </ul>		

**WSR Study**

3:10 p.m.	Study Course Introduction	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desired Outcomes</li> <li>• Course Content</li> <li>• Your Additional Questions</li> </ul>		

3:15 p.m.	Study Pretest (Appendix H)	Mollie
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3:25 p.m.	Authorities	Mollie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congressionally Authorized Study (Section 5(a))</li> <li>• Agency-identified Study (Section 5(d)(1))</li> </ul>		

3:40 p.m.	Process Elements – Introduction	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility (objective resource inventory)</li> <li>• Classification (objective land-use condition inventory)</li> <li>• Suitability (subjective analysis and decision)</li> </ul>		

4:05 p.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix I)	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination</li> </ul>		

4:15 p.m.	Large-group Exercise	Jackie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Study Process Review</li> </ul>		

4:25 p.m.	Bin	
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4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	
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**Day 3, Thursday**  
**WSR Study**

8:00 a.m.	Recap and Review	Jackie
8:10 a.m.	Eligibility	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free-flowing</li><li>• Outstandingly Remarkable Value(s)</li></ul>	
8:30 a.m.	Large-group Exercise (Appendix J)	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refining Eligibility Criteria</li></ul>	
8:45 a.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix K)	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eligibility</li></ul>	
9:20 a.m.	Classification	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wild, Scenic, Recreational</li><li>• Existing Development Level</li></ul>	
9:35 a.m.	Break	
9:50 a.m.	Protective Management	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5(a) vs 5(d)(1) Study Rivers</li><li>• Protective Management (Group Exercise/Reports, Appendix L)</li></ul>	
10:20 a.m.	Suitability	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency Decision Making Step</li><li>• Recommendation</li></ul>	
10:50 a.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix M)	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Evaluation Exercise</li></ul>	
11:15 a.m.	Study Course Conclusion	Jackie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• References</li><li>• Key Points</li><li>• Post Test (Appendix H)</li></ul>	
11:30 a.m.	Bin Items	
11:45 p.m.	Adjourn	