**PSW Region Wild and Scenic Rivers Management and Section 7 Workshop**

**October 28-30, 2014**



***Registration Pre-Test (10 Questions)***

1. **Identify the purposes (values) for which rivers are added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (National System).**

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1. **List and briefly describe the three classes of wild and scenic rivers.**

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1. **Is a detailed river corridor boundary established after designation?**

Yes or No

1. **Is a plan required for congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers?**

Yes or No

1. **List several elements that should be included in a comprehensive river management plan.**

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1. **The primary management direction of the Act, i.e., “to protect and enhance the values” for which a river is added to the National System is interpreted as a nondegradation and enhancement policy.**

Yes or No

***Registration Pre-Test (continued)***

1. **What is the definition of free flowing?**
2. A river existing or flowing in natural condition without impoundment, diversion, straightening, riprapping, or other modification of the waterway
3. A river that has the same flow regime it had on the date of designation
4. A river with only minor bank or channel modifications that do not interfere with recreational use
5. A river that has no diversions or channel modifications anywhere in the watershed including areas beyond the designated reach
6. **Which of the following activities are likely to be a water resources project subject to Section 7(a)?**

a) Bridge or highway construction/reconstruction (in bed/bank of river)

b) Recreation facility (boat launch, fishing pier)

c) Revetment on private land

d) Project work licensed under the Federal Power Act

e) In-channel fish or wildlife restoration project

1. **Which entity is responsible for making a Section 7 determination on a congressionally designated river?**
2. Congress
3. Secretary of the Interior or Agriculture, through the federal river-administering agency
4. Federal assisting/constructing agency
5. **What is the standard in the Act for evaluating federally assisted water resources projects proposals within the riverbed or banks of a designated river?**
6. On or directly affecting
7. Direct and adverse effect
8. Invade the area or unreasonably diminish scenery, recreation, fish or wildlife values
9. All of the above

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***Registration Pre-Test Answer Key***

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 *Answer: Free-flowing condition, water quality and outstandingly remarkable values*

1. **List and briefly describe the three classes of wild and scenic rivers.**

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*Answer: Wild, Scenic and Recreational. For a description, refer to Section 2(b) of the Act and the Interagency Guidelines (Department of the Interior and Agriculture Interagency Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification and Management of River Areas, Federal Register – Vol. 47, No. 173; September 7, 1982, pp. 39454-39461). Both documents are located on the publications page of the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council’s website.*

1. **Is a detailed river corridor boundary established after designation?**

Yes or No

*Answer: Yes, generally by the federal wild and scenic river-administering agency within one-year from the date of the river’s designation.*

1. **Is a plan required for congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers?**

Yes or No

*Answer: Yes, Section 3(d)(1) of the Act requires the development of a comprehensive river management plan for congressionally designated rivers within three full-fiscal years from designation.*

***Registration Pre-Test Answer Key (continued)***

1. **List several elements that should be included in a comprehensive river management plan.**

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*Answer:*

* *Description of the existing resource conditions, including a detailed description of the outstandingly remarkable values*
* *Goals and desired conditions for protecting river values*
* *User capacities*
* *Water quality and instream flow requirements*
* *Description of the responsibilities and opportunities for partnership*
* *Description of regulatory authorities of other governmental agencies that assist in protecting river values*
* *Monitoring strategy*
1. **The primary management direction of the Act, i.e., “to protect and enhance the values” for which a river is added to the National System is interpreted as a nondegradation and enhancement policy.**

Yes or No

*Answer: Yes, Section 10(a) of the Act establishes a nondegradation and enhancement policy for all rivers regardless of classification.*

1. **What is the definition of free flowing?**
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*Answer: a)*

***Registration Pre-Test Answer Key (continued)***

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e) In-channel fish or wildlife restoration project

*Answer: All of the above. To be subject to review under Section 7(a), the above projects would need to meet two conditions:*

* *Project proposal is in bed or banks of a designated river*
* *Project is proposed by a federal agency or it requires some type of federal assistance such as a permit, license, grant or loan*
1. **Which entity is responsible for making a Section 7 determination on a congressionally designated river?**
2. Congress
3. Secretary of the Interior or Agriculture, through the federal river-administering agency
4. Federal assisting/constructing agency

*Answer: b)*

1. **What is the standard in the Act for evaluating federally assisted water resources projects proposals within the riverbed or banks of a designated river?**
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*Answer: b)*