

Northern Region Wild and Scenic Rivers Workshop March 7-9, 2017



Duration: Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to Thursday noon, March 7-9, 2017

Location: Whitefish, Montana

Thank you for registering for the March 7-9, 2017, Northern Region Wild and Scenic Rivers Workshop.

As pre-work, we suggest you review several technical reports prepared by the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council (IWSRCC). If you are not already familiar with the IWSRCC, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with their website, <http://www.rivers.gov/>.

At [rivers.gov](http://www.rivers.gov), please review the following technical reports:

- *Wild and Scenic River Management Responsibilities (2002)*
- *The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Section 7 (2004)*
- *The Wild and Scenic River Study Process (1999)*

We also encourage you to find a few minutes to take a 10-question pretest. The test is for your information only and provided to help you focus your time with pre-work materials. An answer key is included so you may score your effort. We will do a quick show of hands at the session to see how you and other participants fared.

To help enrich the course, we ask those of you with a designated wild and scenic river on your unit to review its plan and briefly identify its strengths and any need for change in management direction to protect and enhance its values. For those of you with eligible or suitable wild and scenic rivers on your unit, please review the direction in the respective unit plan and identify any need for change in management direction to protect river values.

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Registration Pretest (10 Questions)

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

- 2) List and briefly describe the three classes of wild and scenic rivers.**

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- 3) Is a detailed river corridor boundary established after designation?**

Yes or No

- 4) Is a plan required for congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers?**

Yes or No

- 5) 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

- 6) What is the definition of free flowing?**

- a) A river existing or flowing in natural condition without impoundment, diversion, straightening, riprapping, or other modification of the waterway
- b) A river that has the same flow regime it had on the date of designation
- c) A river with only minor bank or channel modifications that do not interfere with recreational use
- d) A river that has no diversions or channel modifications anywhere in the watershed including areas beyond the designated reach

Registration Pretest (continued)

- 7) 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
- 8) Through which of the following methods may rivers be identified for study?**
- a) Authorization by Congress
 - b) Identification through federal agency planning processes
 - c) Both a) and b)
- 9) For a river to be found eligible it must:**
- a) Be free-flowing as defined in Section 16(b) of the Act
 - b) Possess one or more outstandingly remarkable value
 - c) Both a) and b)
- 10) Is a suitability determination, the third procedural step in the study process, a federal action subject to NEPA?**
- a) No
 - b) Yes

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Registration Pretest Answer Key

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

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

- 2) 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.

- 3) 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.

- 4) 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.

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Registration Pretest Answer Key (continued)

- 5) 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.

- 6) What is the definition of free flowing?**

- a) A river existing or flowing in natural condition without impoundment, diversion, straightening, riprapping, or other modification of the waterway
- b) A river that has the same flow regime it had on the date of designation
- c) A river with only minor bank or channel modifications that do not interfere with recreational use
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Answer: A

- 7) Which of the following activities are likely to be a water resources project subject to Section 7(a) of the Act?**

- 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

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*

- 8) Through which of the following methods may rivers be identified for study?**

- a) Authorization by Congress
- b) Identification through federal agency planning processes
- c) Both a) and b)

Answer: C, Congress may authorize a study under Section 5(a) of the Act and federal agencies are directed to identify potential WSRs through their respective land or resource planning processes under Section 5(d)(1) of the Act.

Registration Pretest Answer Key (continued)

- 9) For a river to be found eligible it must:**
- a) Be free-flowing as defined in Section 16(b) of the Act
 - b) Possess one or more outstandingly remarkable value
 - c) Both a) and b)

Answer: C

- 10) Is a suitability determination, the third procedural step in the study process, a federal action subject to NEPA?**
- a) No
 - b) Yes

Answer: B, the study report should comply with NEPA.