



Wild and Scenic Rivers

Application Overview

Natural Resource Manager's (NRM) Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) application stores data on 130 WSRs administered by the Forest Service, as well as 943 (as of 6/5/19) rivers being evaluated for possible future inclusion into the Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

The application consists of two modules – Wild and Scenic River Profile, which tracks existing WSRs and Candidate Wild and Scenic River Profile, which tracks candidate rivers. The application supports the Agency's compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as well as the Agency's ability to share WSR data with the public via the Forest Service's Interactive Visitor Map located at www.fs.fed.us/visit/maps and other partner websites.

Key Features

- Stores WSR-designation criteria, such as outstanding geology, historic significance, scenic and recreation classifications, etc.
- Tracks data on candidate WSRs such as river profiles, managing unit, and outstandingly remarkable values
- Provides reporting capabilities with a customizable database query, allowing for efficient Agency-wide reporting on WSRs

Agency Benefits

- Promotes collaboration between the Forest Service's WSR program and the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council to shape WSR performance measures
- Delivers accurate WSR information within specific congressional districts for compliance, funding, and potential WSR designations
- Connects people to public lands by making the Agency's WSR information available on WSR-related websites (e.g., rivers.gov, nationalriversproject.com)



Case Study

The NRM WSR application has been essential in helping the Forest Service comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and in prioritizing support to the Agency's WSRs.

Following WSR-related litigation in two Forest Service Regions, the Washington Office (WO) WSR team used the application to customize reports and review data across all of the Agency's WSRs. With minimal impact to forest staff, the WO team was able to quickly identify components of associated Comprehensive River Management Plans (CRMP) that were not being met, as well as Plans that were missing. This information helped the WSR Program prioritize their Program of Work and better understand opportunities to assist the field in CRMP development and implementation.

"The NRM WSR application has helped the Agency prioritize projects, track activities, and report information to Congress, our partners, and the public. Having all of our WSR data in one place, makes it much easier for the Forest Service to protect these incredible rivers!"

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