



Owyhee Wild and Scenic River in Idaho, designated in 2009 | Michael Melford

6,125

River miles worthy of future Wild and Scenic River designation

13,467

River miles permanently protected through Wild and Scenic designation

14,507

River miles temporarily protected as Wild and Scenic eligible or suitable through agency land management plans

PROTECTING AMERICA'S BEST RIVERS

Safeguarding clean, reliable, water for people and wildlife by protecting free-flowing rivers and their headwaters is vital to America's national security, economic prosperity, and outdoor recreation culture. By building power around bi-partisan policies and legislation that protect rivers, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition works to safeguard drinking water supplies, hunting and fishing opportunities, and local economies.

THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS COALITION was formed in 2018 following the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. With an initial membership of just four organizations, the Coalition has grown to include more than 60 river groups in 29 states. Coalition members recognize that by collectively creating a more favorable national dialogue around river protection and defense, their localized river work is more successful and accountable at community scales. Conversely, participation in the Coalition enlarges the footprint of impact beyond each group's working geography. Identifying and uplifting common challenges and unifying around collective policy positions builds power for advocacy and stewardship of Congressionally and administratively protected Wild and Scenic Rivers.

WHERE WE WORK

