

Supplemental Research Resources for Assessing Nationwide River Inventory River Values

- Check the NRI to see what ORVs are listed and to see if notes have been made there: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/nri/index.html> as a good starting point. Identify the river values for the segment of interest and with a primary focus of further research on these values.
- Look at maps and aerials on arcgis online, *DeLorme Atlas*, Forest Service, National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and/or US Geological Survey for details of a stream's location, surroundings, degree of wildness or development, and accessibility.
- For rivers flowing through public land, consult the current plan and website for the respective State, Forest, BLM, Fish and Wildlife (FWS), NPS, area. Recent plans can be found on the Internet or search for Land and Resource Management Plans by Forest, NPS, FWS, or BLM District. Some rivers on the NRI have also been found eligible/suitable by the respective land managing agency. Wild and Scenic eligibility or suitability reports are often embedded in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement accompanying the RMP, and in appendices. Some exist as separate documents, done before or after the plans were completed.
- Search the Internet for the Watershed Assessment done by local watershed groups for that particular stream.
- Search the Internet by the river name for miscellaneous information.
- For recreation, search the National Water Trails <http://www.nps.gov/watertrails/page> and American Whitewater's webpage <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/> for Whitewater Rivers.
- US Fish & Wildlife Service Designated Critical Habitat - FWS designated critical habitat is available nationwide and is compiled and maintained by US Fish and Wildlife Service. <http://ecos.fws.gov/wildfishsurvey/database/nwfh>
- NOAA Fisheries Designated Critical Habitat and Essential Fish Habitat - Maps and GIS files of critical habitat designations can be found here: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/criticalhabitat.htm>. Essential Fish Habitat designated under the Magnuson Stevens Act for all federally managed species can be found here using the mapper tool: <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/protection/efh/habitatmapper.html> and EFH text descriptions and GIS data inventory can be found here: <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/protection/efh/newInv/index.html>.
- State Wild and Scenic River Programs. Many states have their own wild and scenic river programs and have done further research for these rivers. Check with your State to see if they have a program and if the river of interest is on this list.
- American Rivers Outstanding Rivers List

Selected resources used for similar work in the State of Oregon are listed here.

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- See *Field Guide to Oregon Rivers* for narrative overviews, identification of qualities, and recreational details regarding many of the NRI Rivers. This accessible guide has synthesized information regarding geology, hydrology, fish, wildlife, recreation, and conservation—a virtual ORV list—from dozens of sources.
- Consult the Western Rivers Conservancy's *Great Rivers of the West* survey, which keys 37 sources of information to many of Oregon's NRI rivers and their natural values: <http://www.westernrivers.org/about/greatrivers/>
- For rivers flowing through public land and found eligible for Wild and Scenic consideration by the Forest Service or BLM, consult the current plan for the respective Forest or BLM area. Recent plans can be found on the Internet or search for Land and Resource Management Plans by Forest or BLM District. Wild and Scenic eligibility or suitability reports are often embedded in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement accompanying the RMP, and in appendices. Some exist as separate documents, done before or after the plans were completed.
- Search the Internet for the Watershed Assessment done by the state-sponsored Watershed Council for that particular stream (for example, "Rogue River Watershed Council, watershed assessment," and search related sites). Such assessments typically contain data about the river, its values, and its problems.
- See the *2005 Oregon Native Fish Status Report, Volume I, Species Management Unit Summaries* for information about native fish— listed by species, not by river.
- For salmon and steelhead values, see the Wild Salmon Center's salmon strongholds; and also the *Fisheries* article, "A Survey of Healthy Native Stocks of Anadromous Salmonids in the Pacific Northwest and California," by Charles Huntington, Willa Nehlsen, and Jon Bowers, Vol. 21, Issue 3, 1996, referenced at [http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1577/1548-8446\(1996\)021<0006%3AASOHNS>2.0.CO%3B2-.V5InVCmJncM](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1577/1548-8446(1996)021<0006%3AASOHNS>2.0.CO%3B2-.V5InVCmJncM)
- This article is only available in paper copy, but see the *Great Rivers of the West* survey by the Western Rivers Conservancy for summary information from the Huntington paper, keyed to particular rivers.
- For fishing, see *Fishing Oregon* by Jim Juskavitch and *Oregon River Maps & Fishing Guide* by Frank Amato Publications. Many web sites also address fishing—search by the name of the stream.
- For boating details, see *Soggy Sneakers: A Paddler's Guide to Oregon Rivers* as well as *Field Guide to Oregon Rivers*. American Whitewater and the Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club also sponsor web sites with boating information. For streams with extreme boating for expert kayakers, see <http://www.oregonkayaking.net>.

- For wildlife species present in the area—if not for the specific stream corridor—see *Atlas of Oregon Wildlife* by Csuti et al., Oregon State University Press.
- For geology of the general region of a river, see *Roadside Geology of Oregon* by David D. Alt and Donald W. Hyndman, and *Geology of Oregon*, by Elizabeth and William Orr.
- Search the Internet by the river name for miscellaneous information.
- Oregon Scenic Waterways Program
<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/RULES/pages/waterways.aspx>
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council
After extensive study, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council adopted a list of streams for special protection from new hydropower development. For more information see <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/protectedareas/home/>
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
The Clean Water Act also requires the state to prepare a Biennial Water Quality Status Assessment Report (305 (b) Report), which documents water quality problems listed by stream basin. The last EPA approved report as of 2015, with 2010 data, can be seen at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/assessment/assessment.htm>
- Call offices of the river's Watershed Council, the district office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. For public land rivers, contact the National Forest Supervisor's offices, or the Bureau of Land Management's district offices; see Appendix 6. County Planning agencies often have background information on natural systems and on registered historic landmarks that might relate to the river. Conservation organizations often have information, especially if they've had a river protection campaign for the stream.