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DID YOU KNOW...

Less than 1/4 of 1% of our river's are protected under the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.



A NATIONAL SYSTEM

In the past 50 years, we have learned—all too slowly, I think—to prize and protect God's precious gifts. Because we have, our own children and grandchildren will come to know and come to love the great forests and the wild rivers that we have protected and left to them . . . An unspoiled river is a very rare thing in this Nation today. Their flow and vitality have been harnessed by dams and too often they have been turned into open sewers by communities and by industries. It makes us all very fearful that all rivers will go this way unless somebody acts now to try to balance our river development.

– President Lyndon Johnson on signing the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, October 2, 1968.

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ABOUT THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

The country changed in the 1960s, including our treatment of the environment, leading to the Wilderness, Clean Air, Clean Water and National Environmental Policy Acts – and the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.

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WILD OLYMPICS LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Senator Murray and Congressman Dicks have introduced legislation to protect 19 rivers on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Wildlife studies management plans and other information on the site. Let us know about more plans on it.

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