

GJFO Wild and Scenic Rivers: The Three Step Process

Eligibility (see Chapter 3)

Process

1. Identify segments to be inventoried (only sections falling under BLM jurisdiction)
2. Determine if segments are free flowing and have any outstandingly remarkable values
3. Segments that are free flowing and have at least one ORV are considered eligible

Public and Outside Entity Involvement

Draft eligibility determinations vetted through cooperating agencies and with the public during scoping for the RMP.

Product

Report identifying eligible segments to be examined for suitability.

Suitability (see Chapter 6)

Process

Answers three questions:

1. Should the river's free-flowing character, water quality, and ORVs be protected, or are one or more other uses important enough to warrant doing otherwise?
2. Will the river's free-flowing character, water quality, and ORVs be protected through designation? Is it the best method for protecting the river corridor? In answering these questions, the benefits and impacts of WSR designation must be evaluated, and alternative protection methods considered.
3. Is there a demonstrated commitment to protect the river by any nonfederal entities that may be partially responsible for implementing protective management?

Public and Outside Entity Involvement

Stakeholder group and cooperators will be involved in developing/reviewing alternatives and public can comment following issuance of the Draft Resource Management Plan.

Product

Development of alternatives identifying suitable segments (ranging from all to none of the eligible segments) and selection of the preferred alternative in the Record of Decision.

Designation

Process

The BLM State Director prepares and forwards a study report to the BLM Director. This report is routed through the Secretary of the Interior for congressional consideration.

Public and Outside Entity Involvement

Normal avenues of public participation in legislation.

Product

Study report of suitable segments and congressional decision on designation.