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*American Whitewater is advocating for the restoration of the original boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, which significantly reduced protections for the San Juan (pictured), Colorado, Paria and Escalante rivers. This loss of designated lands opened this incredible landscape and its remarkable cultural and historic resources to resource extraction and degradation through lack of a comprehensive management plan. | Photo: Evan Stafford*

Over 1,000 miles new  
Wild & Scenic River  
designations (CA, WA)

Reinstate over 30  
miles of protected  
rivers in National  
Monuments (UT)

Secure access for  
Little White and White  
Salmon River (WA)

Communicate river  
stewardship through  
native eyes

Reverse rule changes that  
weakened the Clean Water  
Act and Environmental  
Protection Agency

Over 4 million acres  
landscape protections for  
rivers (AZ, CO, OR, CA, WA)

Over 100 miles of  
flow restored to rivers  
across the nation

Protect the public  
right to access  
rivers (NM)

Protect antidegradation  
state water quality  
standards (CO)

Protect and enhance  
whitewater releases for over  
100 miles of river in Black  
River Basin hydropower  
relicensing (NY)

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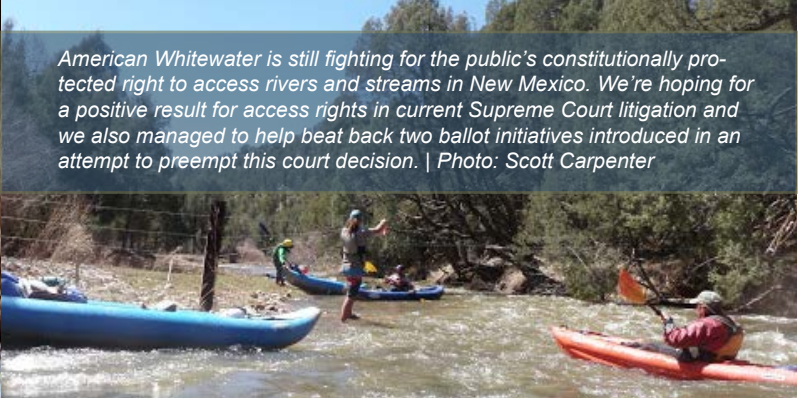


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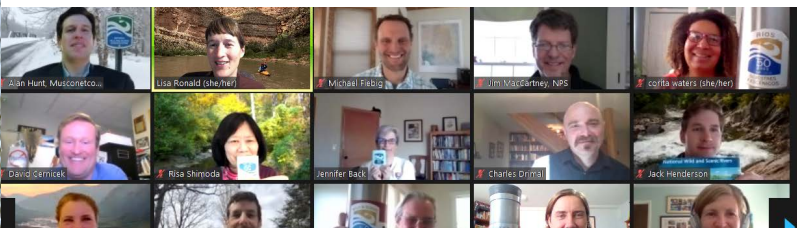




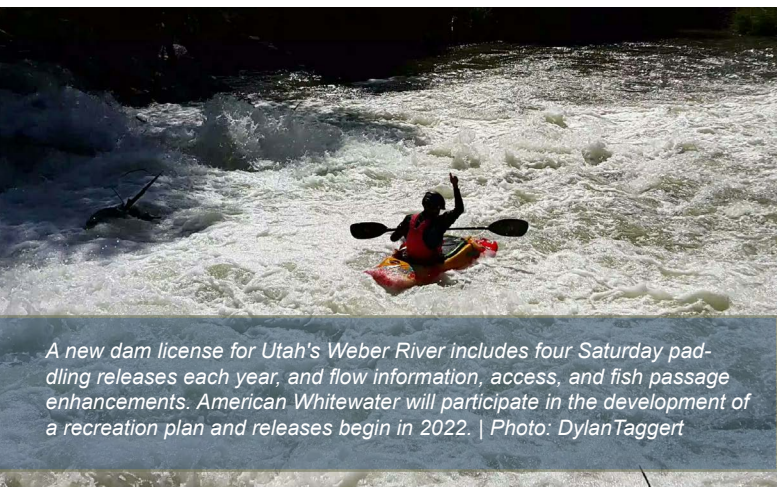
We're working on a number of Wild and Scenic projects, including for the Nolichucky (pictured, NC/TN), the Gila (NM), and hundreds of miles of rivers in Montana (Montana Headwaters), that still need a strong push to either get to the floor of Congress or that have already been introduced and need to make their way back to Congress. | Photo: David House



American Whitewater is still fighting for the public's constitutionally protected right to access rivers and streams in New Mexico. We're hoping for a positive result for access rights in current Supreme Court litigation and we also managed to help beat back two ballot initiatives introduced in an attempt to preempt this court decision. | Photo: Scott Carpenter



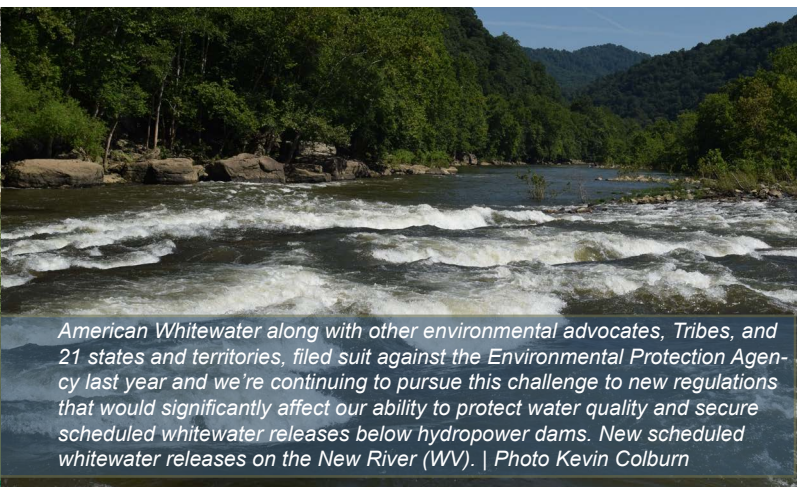
Even without the ability to meet in person on Capitol Hill, American Whitewater is finding creative ways to connect with Congress and the executive branch to advocate for new Wild and Scenic designations, tackling the climate crisis by protecting and restoring rivers, bring back environmental reviews and public input to Federal projects and much more.



A new dam license for Utah's Weber River includes four Saturday paddling releases each year, and flow information, access, and fish passage enhancements. American Whitewater will participate in the development of a recreation plan and releases begin in 2022. | Photo: Dylan Taggart



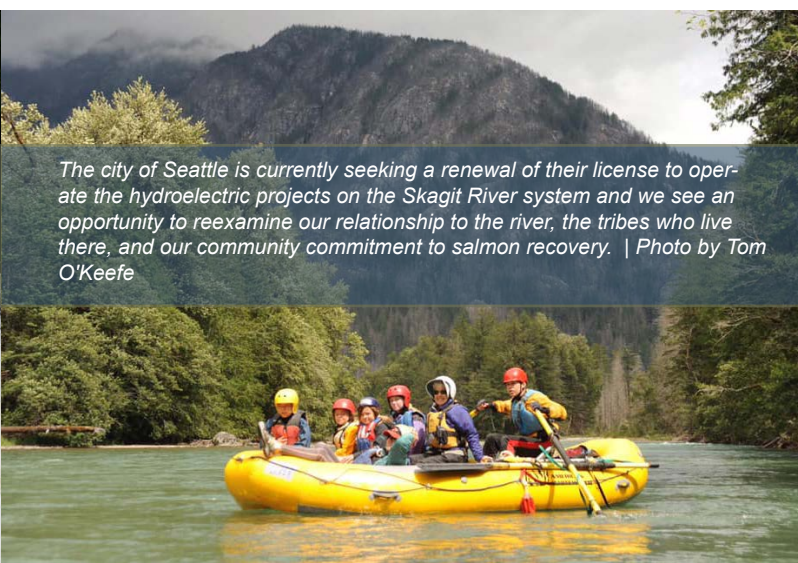
American Whitewater is spearheading efforts to protect our rivers from pollutants. Restoring the central role of states in protecting rivers under the Clean Water Act, strengthening and fighting attempts to weaken states water quality standards, and reinstating protections for headwater streams and wetlands are all priorities for our organization and essential to maintaining the clean water we all love to play in. Chetco River (OR) | Photo : Zach Collier



American Whitewater along with other environmental advocates, Tribes, and 21 states and territories, filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency last year and we're continuing to pursue this challenge to new regulations that would significantly affect our ability to protect water quality and secure scheduled whitewater releases below hydropower dams. New scheduled whitewater releases on the New River (WV). | Photo Kevin Colburn



Federal relicensing of 21 hydropower dams in the Adirondacks began this spring on the Moose, Beaver, and Black rivers, home to iconic whitewater boating runs treasured by paddlers throughout the northeast. For the next six years, AW will be fighting to protect and expand recreation opportunities on these rivers and improve their ecological health. Beaver River (NY) | Photo Orlando Monaco



The city of Seattle is currently seeking a renewal of their license to operate the hydroelectric projects on the Skagit River system and we see an opportunity to reexamine our relationship to the river, the tribes who live there, and our community commitment to salmon recovery. | Photo by Tom O'Keefe



The Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act passed in the House and now we're pushing to move this package of bills with over a 1,000 miles of Wild and Scenic designations and landscape protections for the Grand Canyon (AZ), Dolores (CO), Illinois (OR) and Smith rivers (OR/CA) through the Senate. Wild Olympics | Photo by Chris Korbolic