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With the sale of private timberlands in the Columbia River Gorge, American Whitewater will be working with the new owners to ensure the access and conservation needs of whitewater paddlers on the White Salmon, Klickitat, Hood, and Little White Salmon are considered in development of a new management plan for these lands. White Salmon River, WA | Photo Evan Stafford

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#AWStewardshipGoals

Push forward Wild
& Scenic River
designations for over
5,000 miles of river
(CA, WA, MT, NM, OR)

Insert major funding
for dam removals in
Federal infrastructure
legislation

Finalize access for
Little White and White
Salmon Rivers (WA)
with new land owners

Share new AW
produced basic
whitewater safety
films across the nation

Connect people to
rivers through improved
regulations, access sites,
and flows on state and
local parks

Ensure new Forest Plans
support paddling access
and protect rivers

Expand water rights
(CO) that keep water
in rivers

Address the impacts of
wildfire across the West
on river health and access

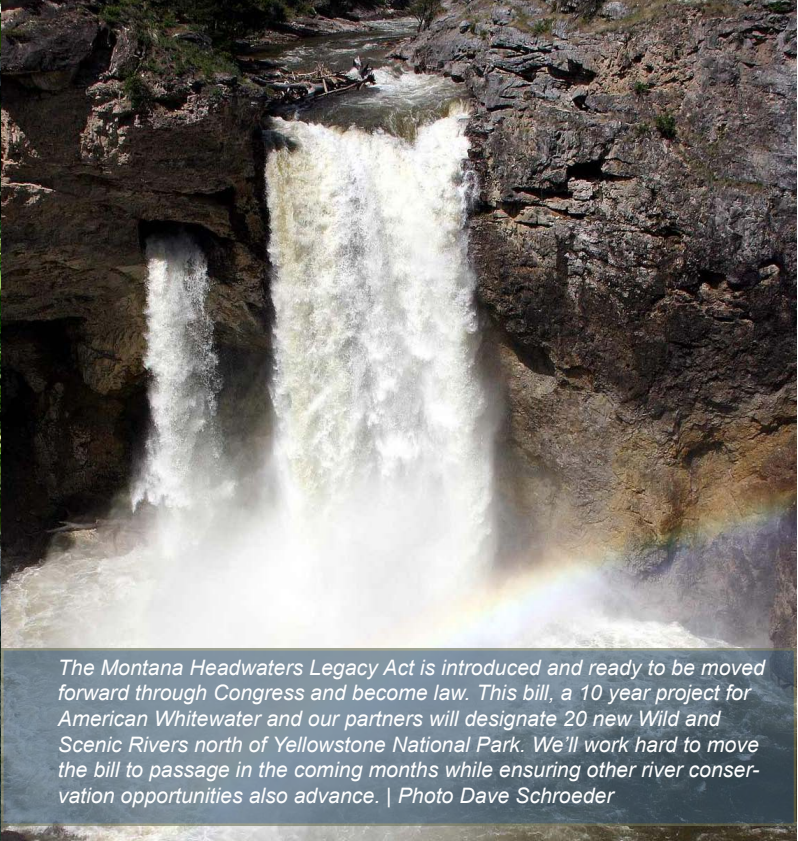
Protect and expand releases,
and restore dewatered
reaches in hydropower
projects across the Northeast.



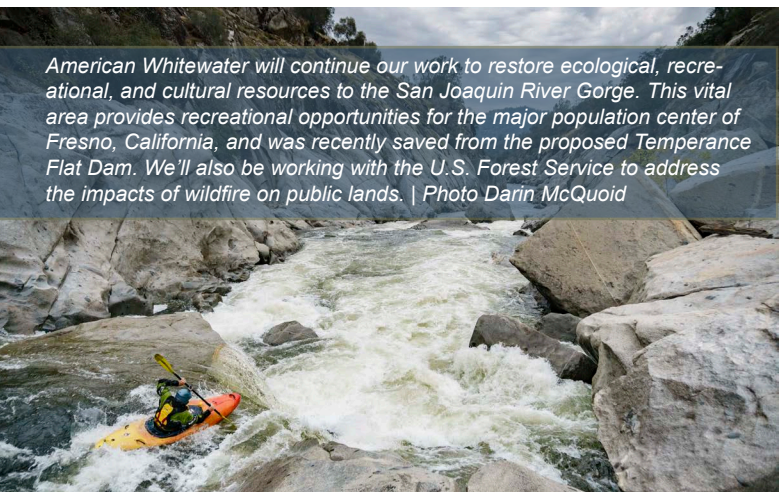
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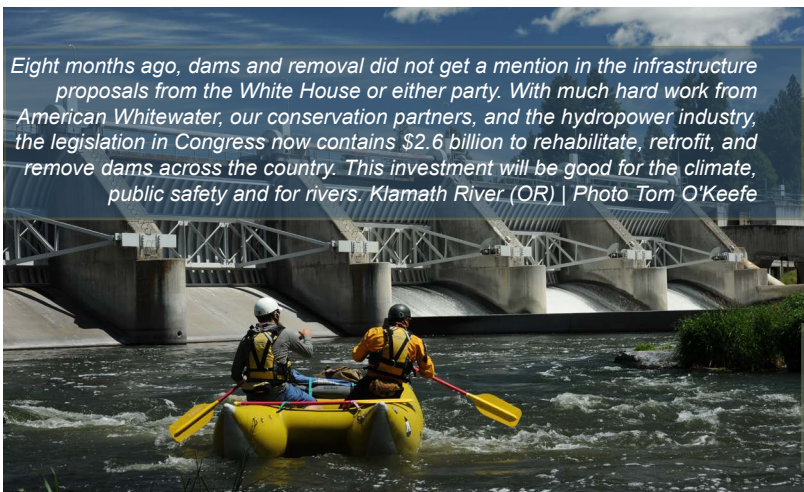
Improving river access in the region is our priority for the coming year, through working with local volunteers and land managers in state and local parks. We aim to bring new emphasis on connecting people to rivers through improved regulations, access sites, and flows. Savage River (MD)| Photo Tito Onyekweli



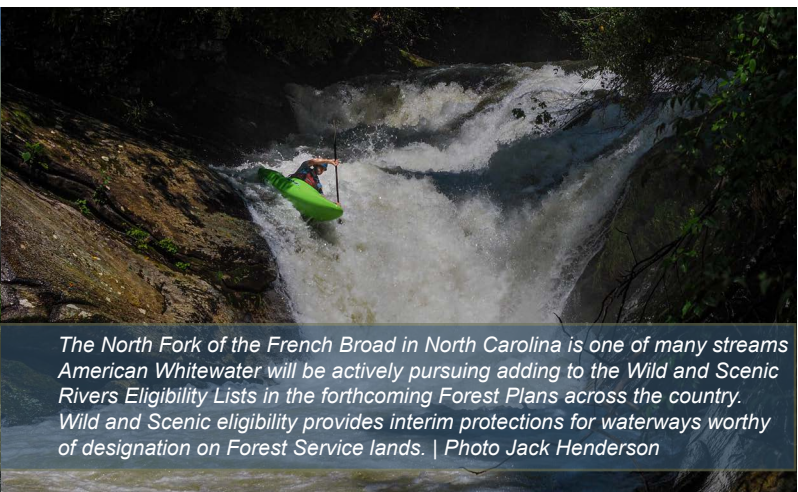
The Montana Headwaters Legacy Act is introduced and ready to be moved forward through Congress and become law. This bill, a 10 year project for American Whitewater and our partners will designate 20 new Wild and Scenic Rivers north of Yellowstone National Park. We'll work hard to move the bill to passage in the coming months while ensuring other river conservation opportunities also advance. | Photo Dave Schroeder



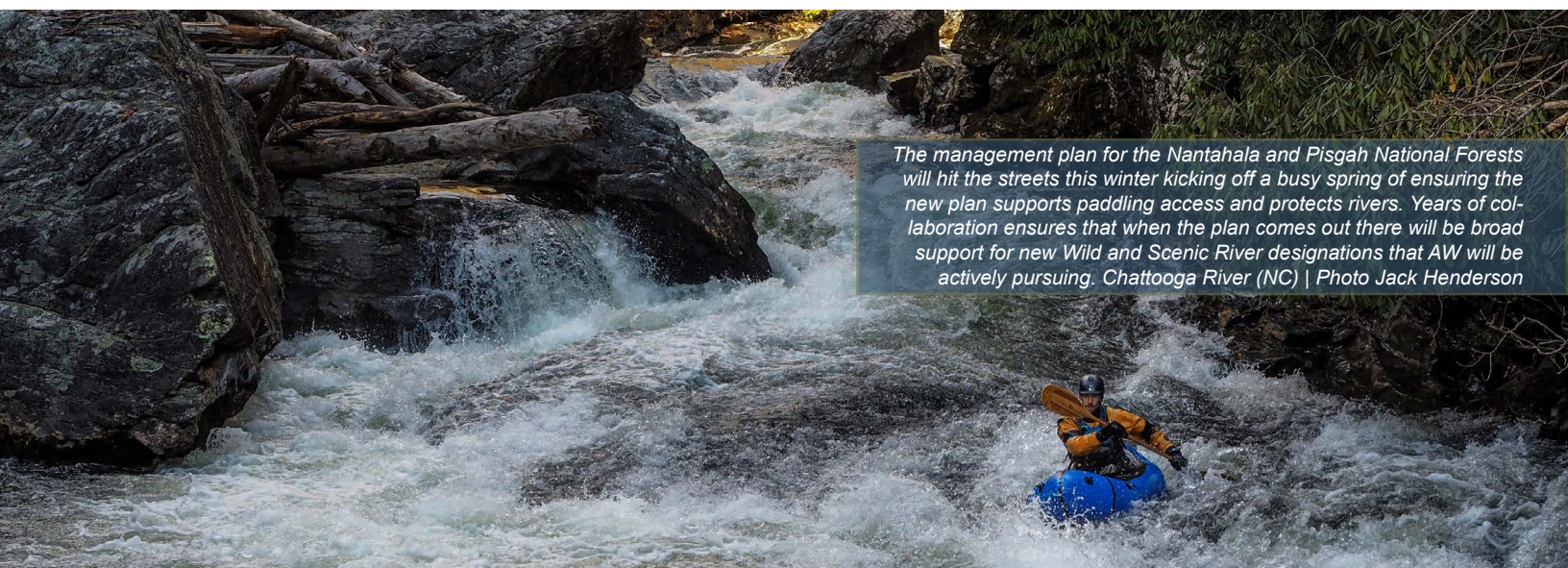
American Whitewater will continue our work to restore ecological, recreational, and cultural resources to the San Joaquin River Gorge. This vital area provides recreational opportunities for the major population center of Fresno, California, and was recently saved from the proposed Temperance Flat Dam. We'll also be working with the U.S. Forest Service to address the impacts of wildfire on public lands. | Photo Darin McQuoid



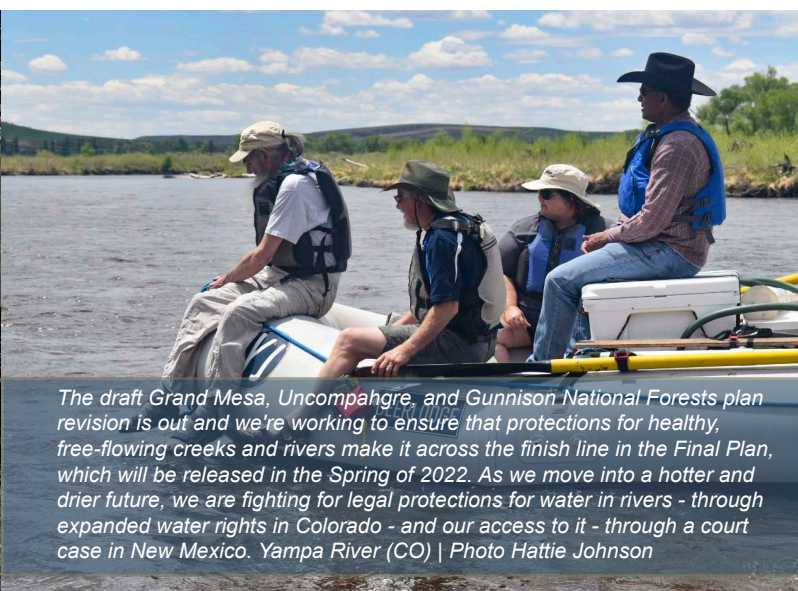
Eight months ago, dams and removal did not get a mention in the infrastructure proposals from the White House or either party. With much hard work from American Whitewater, our conservation partners, and the hydropower industry, the legislation in Congress now contains \$2.6 billion to rehabilitate, retrofit, and remove dams across the country. This investment will be good for the climate, public safety and for rivers. Klamath River (OR) | Photo Tom O'Keefe



The North Fork of the French Broad in North Carolina is one of many streams American Whitewater will be actively pursuing adding to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Eligibility Lists in the forthcoming Forest Plans across the country. Wild and Scenic eligibility provides interim protections for waterways worthy of designation on Forest Service lands. | Photo Jack Henderson



The management plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests will hit the streets this winter kicking off a busy spring of ensuring the new plan supports paddling access and protects rivers. Years of collaboration ensures that when the plan comes out there will be broad support for new Wild and Scenic River designations that AW will be actively pursuing. Chattooga River (NC) | Photo Jack Henderson



The draft Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests plan revision is out and we're working to ensure that protections for healthy, free-flowing creeks and rivers make it across the finish line in the Final Plan, which will be released in the Spring of 2022. As we move into a hotter and drier future, we are fighting for legal protections for water in rivers - through expanded water rights in Colorado - and our access to it - through a court case in New Mexico. Yampa River (CO) | Photo Hattie Johnson



Many of our iconic whitewater runs below hydropower dams in the Northeast have started relicensing in 2021. The next five years will determine the future of whitewater boating on the Beaver, Moose, and Penobscot Rivers, and we will be working tirelessly to protect and expand releases and restore dewatered river reaches. Penobscot River (ME) | Photo by Scott Martin