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Establish a national
program to identify
low head dams and
resources to address
their impacts

Protect over 5,000 miles
with new Wild & Scenic
River designations (CA,
WA, NM, MT, OR)

Cover all rivers,
streams and creeks
under the jurisdiction
of the Clean Water Act

Protect over 1,000 miles
of rivers as Outstanding
National Resource Waters
(CO, WA, OR)

Protect the public right
to access rivers on public
lands (USFS)

Expand protections for
water in rivers (CO)

Restore flows and create
new recreation opportunities
along the Connecticut River to
support whitewater boating,
climbing, and mountain biking

Wildfires are impacting California's whitewater rivers and so too are public land closures that often continue long after fires are out. We're working to ensure that rivers are not closed unnecessarily and that post-fire land management projects don't adversely affect streams and rivers. We succeeded in convincing the Plumas National Forest to end its two-year boating ban on this spectacular multi-day run, the Devils Canyon of the Middle Fork Feather, after our members and supporters sent nearly 1,000 comments through our easy action platform. | Photo: Greg Lee

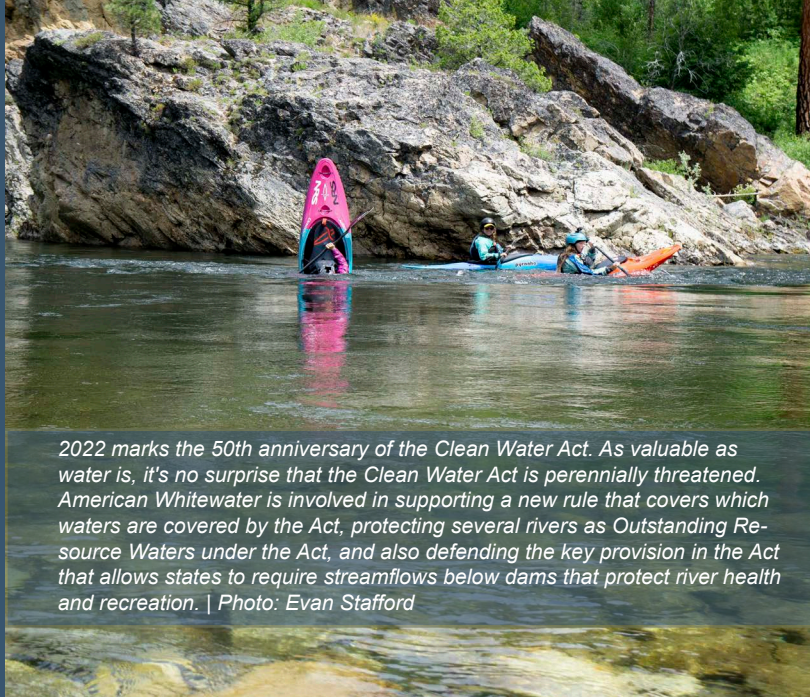
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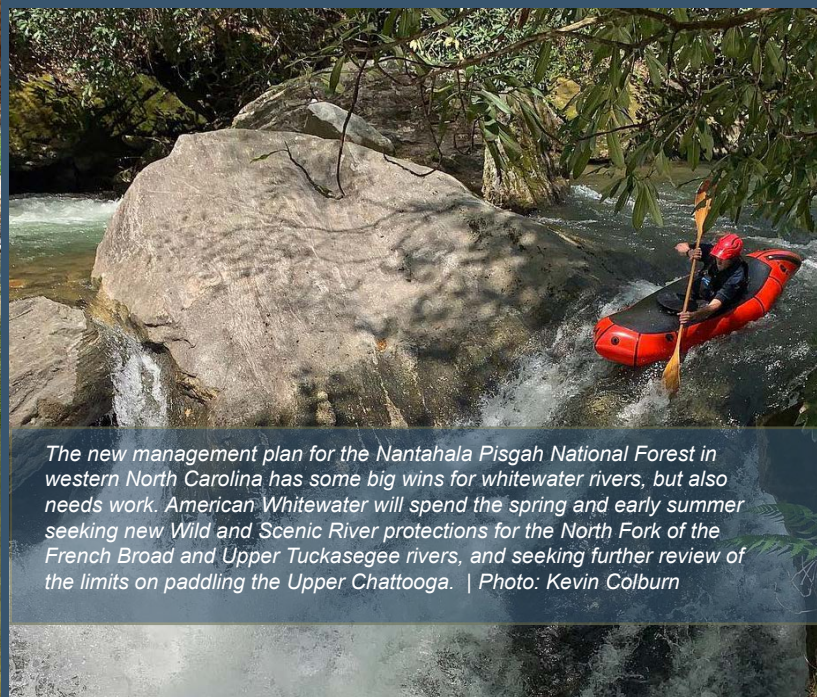
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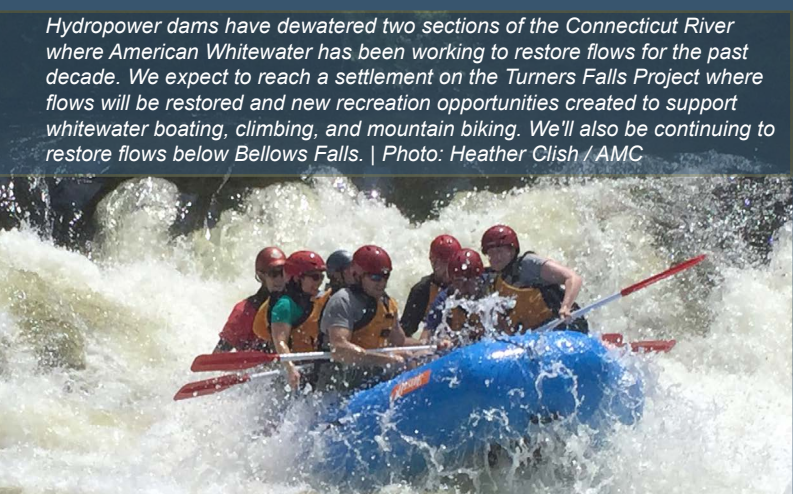
American Whitewater has a long list of projects with state and county parks in the Mid Atlantic region, including an active project to lift the nonsensical and longstanding ban on paddling in Montgomery County Parks (MD), including Seneca Creek (pictured). | Photo Courtesy AW River Database



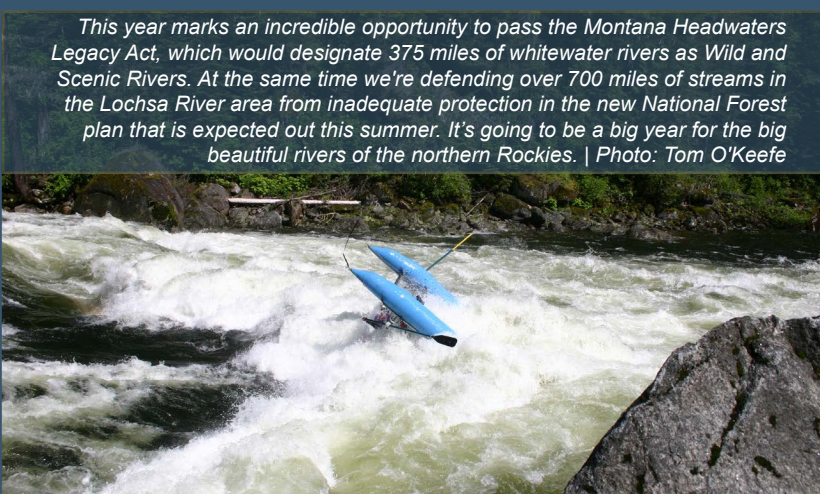
2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. As valuable as water is, it's no surprise that the Clean Water Act is perennially threatened. American Whitewater is involved in supporting a new rule that covers which waters are covered by the Act, protecting several rivers as Outstanding Resource Waters under the Act, and also defending the key provision in the Act that allows states to require streamflows below dams that protect river health and recreation. | Photo: Evan Stafford



The new management plan for the Nantahala Pisgah National Forest in western North Carolina has some big wins for whitewater rivers, but also needs work. American Whitewater will spend the spring and early summer seeking new Wild and Scenic River protections for the North Fork of the French Broad and Upper Tuckasegee rivers, and seeking further review of the limits on paddling the Upper Chattooga. | Photo: Kevin Colburn



Hydropower dams have dewatered two sections of the Connecticut River where American Whitewater has been working to restore flows for the past decade. We expect to reach a settlement on the Turners Falls Project where flows will be restored and new recreation opportunities created to support whitewater boating, climbing, and mountain biking. We'll also be continuing to restore flows below Bellows Falls. | Photo: Heather Clish / AMC



This year marks an incredible opportunity to pass the Montana Headwaters Legacy Act, which would designate 375 miles of whitewater rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. At the same time we're defending over 700 miles of streams in the Lochsa River area from inadequate protection in the new National Forest plan that is expected out this summer. It's going to be a big year for the big beautiful rivers of the northern Rockies. | Photo: Tom O'Keefe



It's the 100-year anniversary of the Colorado River Compact. American Whitewater is working to keep rivers flowing for paddlers while balancing other water uses all in the face of diminishing streamflows. Long-term drought in the Four Corners region and over-appropriated instream flows are making it an incredible challenge as we push to provide water for river health and recreation opportunities on the Dolores River (CO). | Photo: Cody Perry



Klamath dams removals continues to move forward and American Whitewater credits Tribes and our conservation partners for all their hard work and dedication to bring this project to implementation. For our part, we are leading an effort to develop a vision for how the public will interface with the restored river. This includes developing a future vision for the river corridor and thinking about the removal of recreation sites on the reservoirs and development of new river access sites on a restored river. | Photo: Tom O'Keefe