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Superintendent Suzanne Lewis
P.O. Box 168
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Re: Wild and Scenic River Management Plans

Dear Superintendent Lewis,

Congratulations on the recent designation of Yellowstone National Park's first Wild and Scenic Rivers. American Whitewater is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving and restoring whitewater resources while enhancing opportunities to enjoy them safely. Since 1954 we have represented conservation-oriented non-commercial whitewater kayakers, canoeists, and rafters on river stewardship projects across the United States. Our organization is a leader in flow restoration on rivers impacted by dams as well as dam removal. We worked on the passage of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and have been strong advocates for Wild and Scenic River designation and protection ever since. We played a role in designating the rivers in Yellowstone National Park under the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009. The passage of this act marked a great success for our community, and we are excited to participate in planning efforts for many of the rivers it protected. Please consider American Whitewater a stakeholder in the forthcoming development of Wild and Scenic River Management Plans for the recently designated rivers in Yellowstone National Park. We look forward to contributing to this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. R. Colburn'.

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