



**AMERICA'S MOST ENDANGERED RIVERS™ 2011  
26<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Nomination Form**

**NOMINATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

Every year, American Rivers releases its annual report, *America's Most Endangered Rivers™*. The report has a proven track record of combining the power of national and local partners to focus media and public attention and secure positive actions for rivers and communities at risk.

We welcome your nominations for our 2011 report. Please note that nominations are judged by the following primary criteria:

- A major decision (that the public can help influence) in the coming year on the proposed action
- The significance of the river to human and natural communities.
- The magnitude of the threat to the river and associated communities, especially in light of a changing climate

**\*\*\* Submit your completed nomination via Adobe Reader by clicking the “Submit Form” button in the toolbar. All forms must be typed and submitted electronically.**

Completed nomination forms are required for all rivers, including previously nominated and listed rivers.

Submission of a nomination does not guarantee inclusion in the 2011 report, therefore you must not disclose your nomination to the public, post it on the internet, or notify the media at this time.

We encourage you to view past reports at [www.AmericanRivers.org/endangeredrivers](http://www.AmericanRivers.org/endangeredrivers) to learn what kinds of rivers make strong candidates. “Learn more” about the rivers on the website to see model language for your nomination. Note that your nomination will provide the basis for the information included in our report, so ensure that it is well thought out and presented clearly and concisely. Please address all of the bulleted issues listed in the form in your narrative.

For additional information on the process for this report, please request the *America's Most Endangered Rivers™* Guidance for Partners and Staff Liasons. Requests for this document and any other questions should be sent via email to Jessie Thomas-Blate, Most Endangered Rivers Coordinator, at [jthomas@amrivers.org](mailto:jthomas@amrivers.org).



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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of River \_\_\_\_\_

States Crossed and Geographic Limits (please attach a map) \_\_\_\_\_

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Lead Nominating Group \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Point of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Group 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Group 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Note any additional contacts in the Additional Materials section (IV), including other contacts from organizations listed above that would like to be involved in review of the materials for a listing.

## **II. RIVER, THREAT(S) AND DECISION POINTS**

Please present a narrative that describes the river, the threat it faces, and the major action or decision being made in the coming year that will affect the threat using the outline below. Please limit your narrative to the word limits provided for each section. Where possible, include citations and sources for data and facts.

### **Summary (100-word limit)**

- Briefly summarize the river's significance, the threat, and the decision point to highlight the most important information

### **The River (150-word limit)**

**Why is the river important to the community, region, and nation as a whole? Please discuss the following:**

- Number of people who use the river for drinking water (or population of key cities/towns in the watershed)
- Outline other uses (e.g., recreation, irrigation, power generation, etc.) — note the economic value of uses, if possible
- Highlight remarkable features (natural, cultural, or historic) that make the river locally, regionally, or nationally significant
- Note any threatened or endangered species found in the river

### **The Threat (300-word limit)**

**Why is the river's future uncertain? Please discuss the following:**

- Many rivers are threatened by more than one activity. However, please **choose one threat** that best fits the criteria for this report and provide detailed information on that issue (e.g., proposed development, water withdrawals, pollution, land use conflicts, dams, energy generation, water projects, over-allocation, etc.).
- Articulate the magnitude, seriousness, and imminence of the threat to the river and associated communities, and how that may be exacerbated by a changing climate
- Identify the agency or other entity responsible for the threat

**Decision Point (200-word limit)**

**How will the river's fate be determined in the coming year? Please discuss the following:**

- Describe **the best protective action** that can be taken to eliminate the threat
- Provide detailed information on major legislation, policy change, permit issuance, or similar action anticipated between May 2011 and May 2012 that could magnify or lessen the threat
  - For example, if the specific threat will require permits, list the permits required, the agencies that will issue/deny the permits, when the proponent of the project is expected to apply for the permits, when the permits are expected to be issued, and if/when there will be an opportunity for public comment (e.g., hearings, meetings, etc.)
- Identify interests that will be opposed to taking action to improve the river's condition

**[OPTIONAL] Natural Infrastructure Solutions (150-word limit)**

**Does the threat you are hoping to address have solutions that can be found through changes in water infrastructure to a more natural approach (see <http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/global-warming-and-rivers/infrastructure/> for more information)? For an example of a river system that would benefit from natural infrastructure solutions, go to <http://www.americanrivers.org/our-work/protecting-rivers/endangered-rivers/2010-endangered-cedar.html>. Some threats would not be adequately addressed by changes in water infrastructure. If that is the case, please skip this question. If this is applicable to your nomination, please discuss the following:**

- What water infrastructure challenges relate to the threat to your river system?
- What green infrastructure solutions might be implemented to improve the situation (for example, restoring floodplains instead of building taller levees, or embracing water efficiency measures instead of building costly and destructive new water supply dams)?
- How open is the community for your river to implementing such solutions?

## **CITATIONS AND DATA SOURCES**

It is helpful to have scientific justification for the claims made in our listings. Where possible, please provide citations from scientific journals, reports, or grey literature, which support your key assertions. Provide in-text citations (or footnotes) in the sections above, and full citations below.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS & MEDIA**

Please provide a map of your river. Additional materials like video, press clippings, brochures, and photos are not necessary at this time. Identify likely media outlets and creative ideas for spreading the word about the need to take action, including online media. Also provide any additional contact information that did not fit above. Additional materials may be added to this pdf file, or emailed separately to [jthomas@amrivers.org](mailto:jthomas@amrivers.org).

#### **V. WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

American Rivers staff may follow up to get more information and clarify facts and issues. Groups submitting successful nominations will be asked to proofread report language for their river, provide photographs and video for the report, assist in the preparation of press and web materials, answer media inquiries, and maintain year-round contact with American Rivers staff regarding developments on your river. The 2011 *America's Most Endangered Rivers<sup>TM</sup>* report will be released on May 17, 2011.