**AMERICA’S MOST ENDANGERED RIVERS® 2024**

[**Nomination Form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw4Rz-NqHE7_EYNLLWqgHXUNGjE1mlPMk1Wrcojo1M4Z9MBQ/viewform)

**NOMINATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

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**BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION**

Is your river facing an urgent threat, with a decision in the coming year that will impact its fate? Spotlighting your river as one of *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®* can help get the attention and positive action you need. *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®* is the most influential national campaign to galvanize public action and secure victories for rivers, clean water and communities.

American Rivers will select ten rivers for *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®* of 2024. We will release the report on April 16, 2024 in a media and public engagement effort coordinated with our partners on the ten rivers.

We will select rivers based on the following criteria:

1. The significance of the river to people, wildlife, and nature.
2. A decision in the coming year that will impact the river’s fate.
3. The magnitude of threat to the river and its communities, especially in light of climate change and environmental injustice.

Please note: For the 2024 report, we are particularly interested in receiving nominations that spotlight threats to national clean water safeguards, as well as nominations that illustrate how Tribal Nations and BIPOC communities are disproportionately impacted by climate and water crises. We encourage nominations that demonstrate how these frontline leaders are advocating for innovative, locally driven solutions.

Learn more about American Rivers and the *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®* campaign: <http://www.americanrivers.org/about-mer>.

While being part of this campaign can bring significant benefits for your river and organization, we recognize it takes extra effort and commitment. If your river is chosen for the 2024 list, here’s what you can expect:

*What partners can expect from American Rivers*

* Kickoff call and regular meetings to provide information about process and needs
* Content creation support (report, press releases, action alerts, social media toolkit etc.)
* Media – outreach to regional and national media, sharing within and throughout professional networks, national visibility strategies
* Project management and campaign leadership
  + American Rivers staff liaison assigned to support your specific river listing
  + Ongoing communication, updates, and general support from American Rivers’ Project Manager (Chantel Dominguez, Community Campaigns and Engagement Associate Director)

*What American Rivers expects from partners*

* Approximately 5-10 hours per week from February – April (please note this is an estimate and may depend on your specific river listing situation and requirements)
* Participation in required virtual meetings and kickoff calls (at least 3, but no more than 5 mandatory)
* Photos and video production
  + 7-10 high resolution photos of your river
  + Provide video content
* Writing and editing contributions (support and/or lead the creation of approximately 4 pages of written information about your river listing)
* Availability to answer clarifying questions about your river, threat, decision point, etc.
* Media – outreach to local media outlets
* Timely correspondence, feedback, and general responsiveness
* Participation in brief post-feedback survey

**Additional Information**

* Completed nomination forms are required for all rivers, including previously nominated and listed rivers.
* Please do not disclose your nomination to the public, post it on the internet or notify the media.
* Submission of a nomination does not guarantee inclusion in the 2024 report.
* All nominators will be informed of the selection decision by January 5, 2024.

We encourage you to view past reports at [https://www.americanrivers.org/about-mer/](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.americanrivers.org/about-mer/&sa=D&ust=1598997851006000&usg=AFQjCNHrnxlVLLueWXVVf8hmL_nsLe8V1Q) to get a feel for the kinds of rivers that make strong candidates. It is important to clearly articulate the threat to the river’s health and to identify the specific solution or action needed. Your nomination will provide the basis for information included in the America’s Most Endangered Rivers of 2024 report, so please ensure that information is presented clearly and concisely.

**Nomination Submission**

To submit a nomination, please either 1.) Fill out and submit the [online nomination form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdw4Rz-NqHE7_EYNLLWqgHXUNGjE1mlPMk1Wrcojo1M4Z9MBQ/viewform) (Preferred method) **or** 2.) Download this Nomination Form and email the completed document to Chantel Dominguez at [cdominguez@americanrivers.org](mailto:cdominguez@americanrivers.org). **All nominations must be received by Friday, September 29, 2023**. Click here for [Frequently](https://www.americanrivers.org/americas-most-endangered-rivers-frequently-asked-questions/) Asked Questions and contact Chantel with any additional questions about *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®*.

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**Contact Information**

Please indicate the group (or person) taking primary responsibility for activities associated with *America’s Most Endangered Rivers®*. Primary contacts should expect to spend time working with American Rivers if your river is selected. For more information, please refer to the list of [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.americanrivers.org/americas-most-endangered-rivers-frequently-asked-questions/) or contact Chantel Dominguez at [cdominguez@americanrivers.org](mailto:cdominguez@americanrivers.org).

*Your Name:*

*Name of the Entity You Represent:*

*Your Email Address:*

**General Information**

*Name of River:*

*State(s):*

*Cities/towns/communities impacted, and geographic boundaries (if not entire river):*

*U.S. Congressional Districts crossed:*

*Reasons why this river is significant regionally and/or nationally (for example – history, culture, biodiversity, drinking water source, etc.)*

*Reason 1:*

*Reason 2:*

*Reason 3:*

*Which historically marginalized communities are represented in this area?*

**Threat**

Answer the questions below to describe the threat to the river and an upcoming decision that could impact the river's future. Please choose **one** primary threat that best fits the *America’s Most Endangered Rivers*® criteria, and provide information on that issue.

*In one sentence— what is the threat to your river?*

*Who or what is posing this threat? (100 words or less)*

*Who/what will be (or is being) harmed and in what way? (200 words or less)*

*Will/do threats to this river impact a community that has been marginalized based on any factor, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, income, or other systemic disadvantage? If so, briefly explain how. (200 words or less)*

*Does climate change exacerbate this threat? If so, briefly explain how. (100 words or less)*

*Is there anything else you think we need to know about this threat to provide clarity?*

**Decision**

*What is the decision coming up this year that the public can influence? (200 words or less)*

*Who (decision maker, agency) will make this decision? (50 words or less)*

*What’s the call to action for the public? What do you want members of the public to do?*

*(Do you expect a formal public comment period to happen for the decision? If not, through what avenue can people influence the decision-maker?) (50 words or less)*

*Within what approximate timeframe do you expect this decision to be made?*

**Additional Information**

*List partners that will be involved in America’s Most Endangered Rivers® activities, should your river be selected.*

*Are any of the groups/individuals listed above led by/benefit/represent marginalized communities, as defined above? If so, in what ways do you/they work with marginalized communities?*

*What else do you want us to know as we consider this nomination?*