

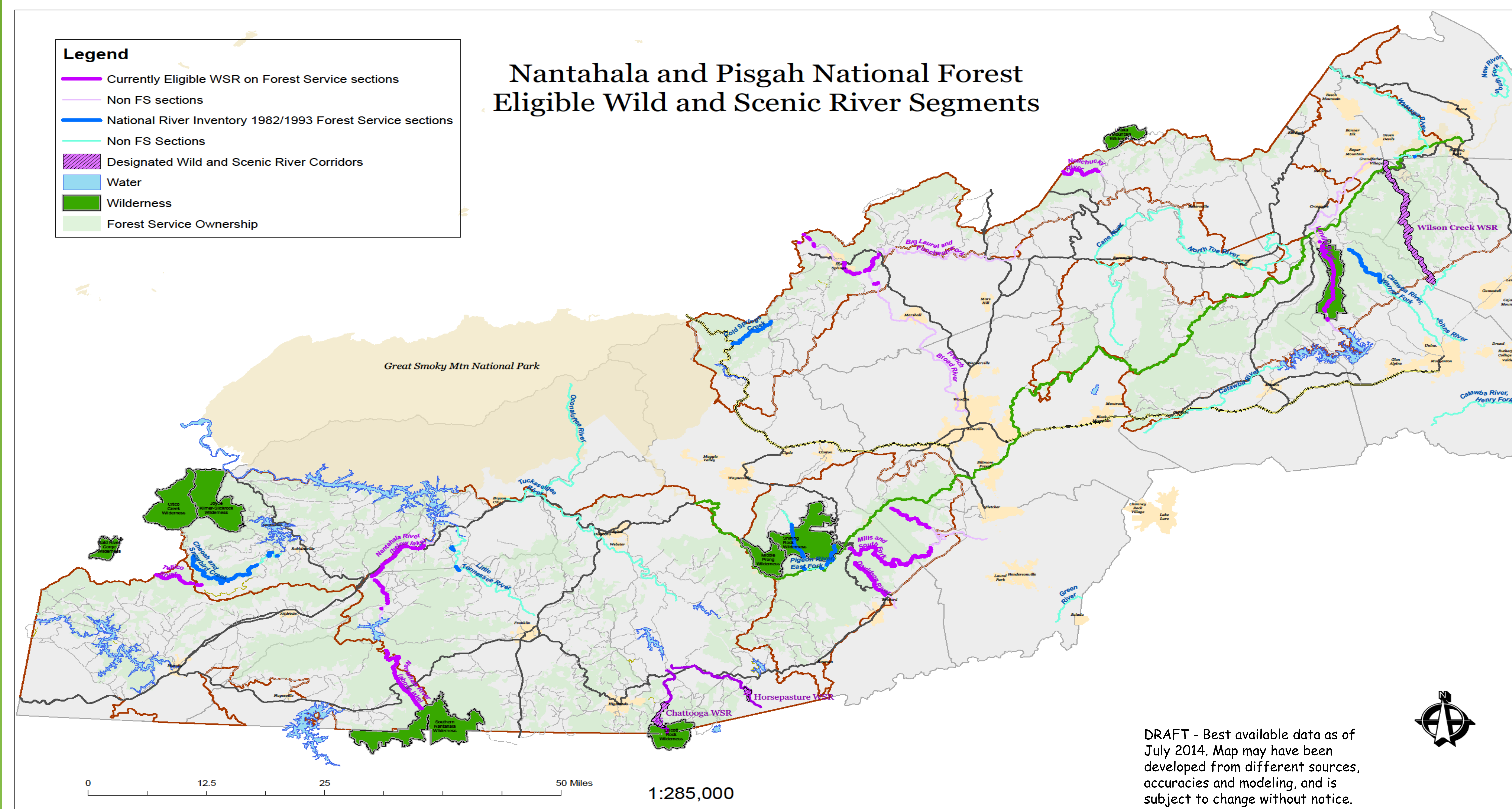
# Wild and Scenic Rivers

## Wild & Scenic Rivers Act

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created in 1968 to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Act is notable for safeguarding the special character of these rivers, while also recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and development.



French Broad River



DRAFT - Best available data as of July 2014. Map may have been developed from different sources, accuracies and modeling, and is subject to change without notice.

**Eligibility**  
To be eligible for designation, a river must be free-flowing and possess one or more Outstanding Remarkable Values (ORVs). In order to be assessed as outstandingly remarkable, a river-related value must be a unique, rare or exemplary feature that is significant at a comparative regional or national scale.



Upper Nantahala River

- Outstanding Remarkable Values**
- Scenery
  - Recreation
  - Geology
  - Fish
  - Wildlife
  - Historic and Cultural
  - Other Values

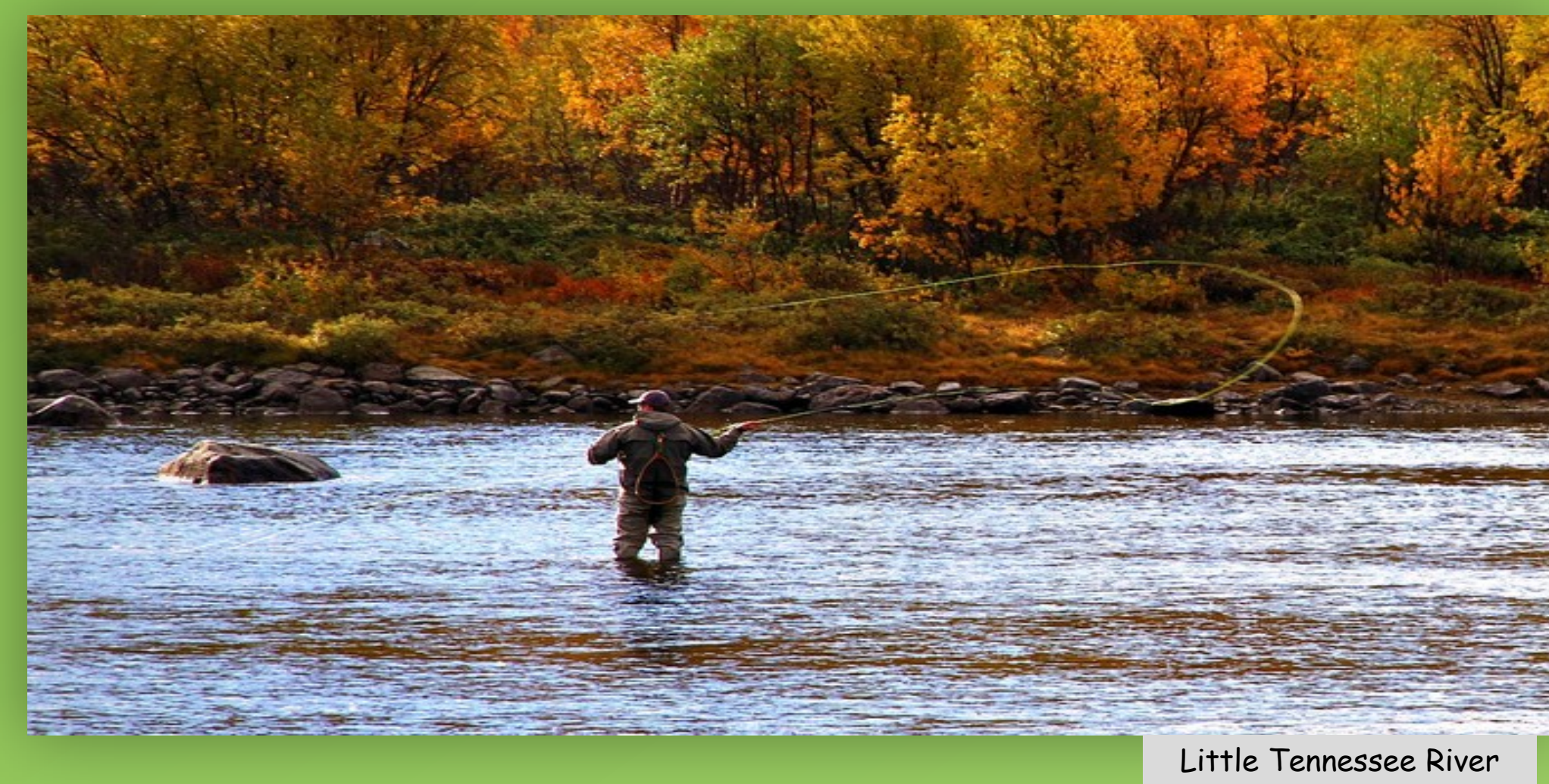
## Evaluation of Rivers

- Three step process:
- Determination of Eligibility - including assigning ORVs
  - Assigning of Potential Classification
  - Determination of Suitability

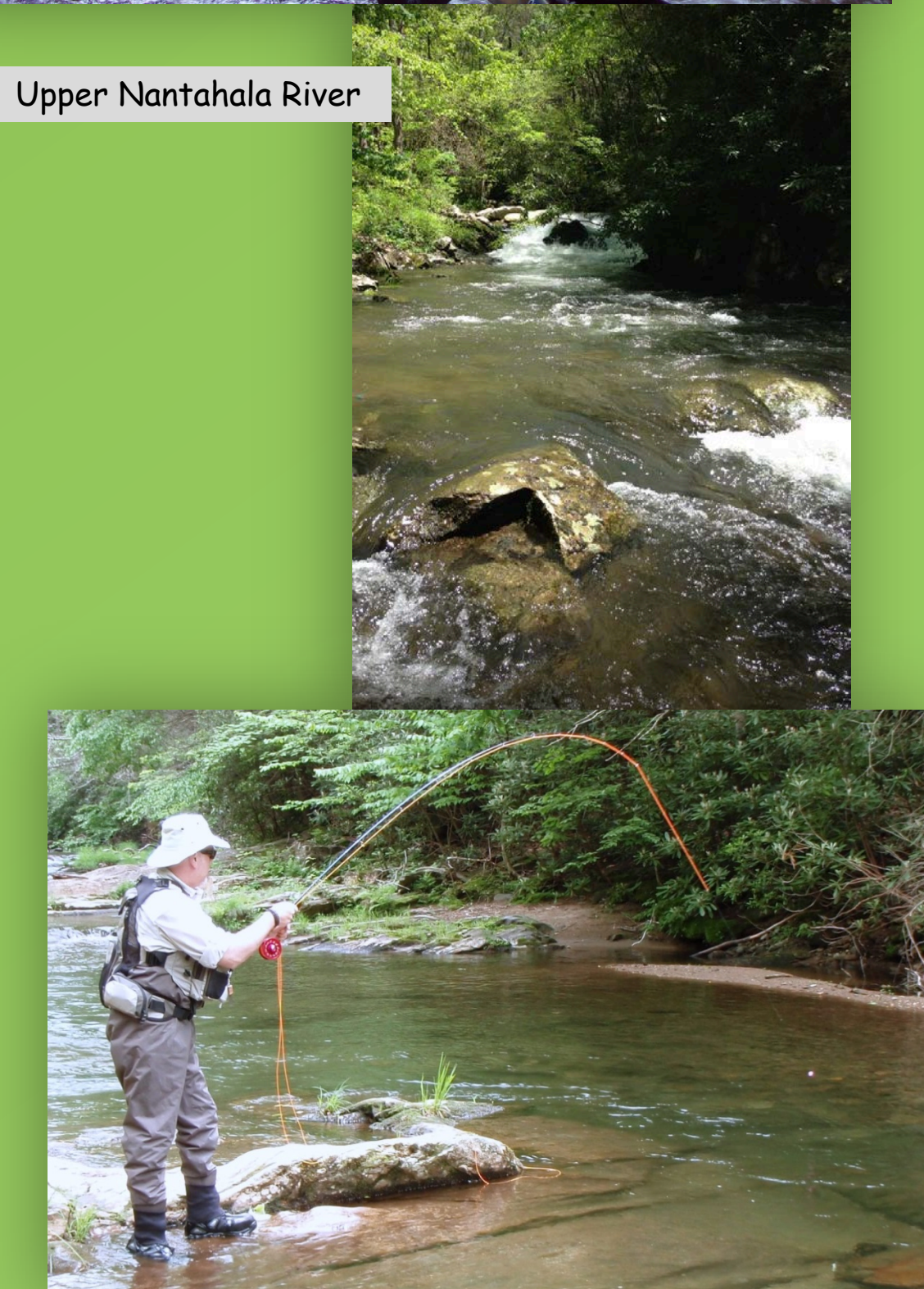
1982/1993 National River Inventory for Western North Carolina		
River	County	ORVs
Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork	Madison	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Cane River	Yancey	S, R, G, F, W
Catawba River	McDowell	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Catawba River, Henry Fork	Catawba, Burke	S, R, F, W
Cheoah and Snowbird Creek	Graham	S, R, F, W, H, C
Cold Springs Creek	Haywood	S, R, F, W
Cullasaja River	Macon	S, R, G, F, W, H, C, O
French Broad River	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Johns River	Burke, Caldwell	S, R, F, W, H, C
Little Tennessee River	Swain, Macon	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
New River, South Fork	Watauga	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
North Toe River	Yancey, Mitchell, Avery	S, R, G, F, W
Oconaluftee River	Swain	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Pigeon River, East Fork	Haywood	S, R, F, W
Pigeon River, Little East Fork	Haywood	S, R, G, F, W
Tellico River	Cherokee	S, R, G, F, H, C
Thompson River	Transylvania	S, R, G, W, O
Toxaway River	Transylvania	S, R, G, W, O
Tuckasegee River	Swain, Jackson	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Watauga River	Watauga, Avery	S, R, G, F, W, H, C
Whitewater River	Transylvania, Jackson	S, R, G, F, W, O



Upper Nantahala River



Little Tennessee River



Southtoe River

Outstanding Remarkable Values Eligible Wild & Scenic Rivers - 1987 LMRP						
River Name	Scenic	Rec	Geo	F&W	H/C	Bot
Big Laurel	X	X	X	X	X	X
Big Snowbird	X			X	X	
Davidson		X		X	X	
E. Fork Pigeon	X			X	X	
Dark Prong	X			X	X	
Yellowstone Prong	X			X	X	
French Broad	X	X	X	X	X	X
Linville	X		X	X	X	
Nantahala - above lake				X	X	X
Nantahala - below lake	X	X	X	X		X
Mills River System						
South Fork	X	X		X	X	X
North Fork					X	
Mills					X	
Tellico					X	
Nolichucky	X	X	X			



Chattooga River

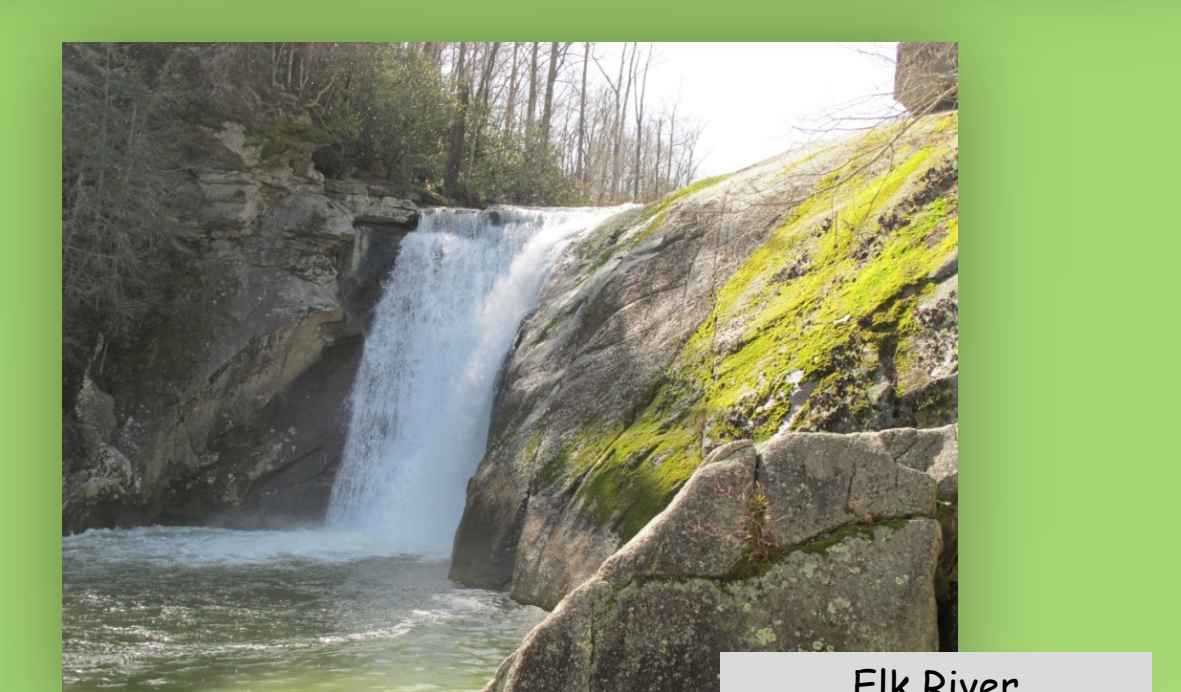


Horsepasture River



Nolichucky River

- River Classifications**
- Wild
  - Scenic
  - Recreational



Elk River

Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers							
River Name	Scenic	Rec	Geo	F&W	H/C	Bot	Legislative Action
Chattooga	X	X	X	X	X	X	Total of 58.7 miles from 0.8 miles below Cashiers Lake in North Carolina to the Tugaloo Reservoir. The West Fork from its confluence with the main stem upstream 7.3 miles. Wild - 41.6 miles; Scenic - 2.5 miles; Recreational - 14.6 miles;
Horsepasture	X	X	X	X	X	X	Total of 4.2 miles between Bohaynee Road #218 to Lake Jocassee Scenic - 3.6 miles; Recreational - 0.6 miles
Wilson Creek	X	X	X	X	X	X	Total of 23.3 miles from the headwaters below Calloway Peak to the confluence with Johns River. Wild - 4.6 miles; Scenic - 2.9 miles; Recreational - 15.8 miles;