

**AMERICA'S MOST ENDANGERED RIVERS® 2023
Nomination Form**



American Rivers
RIVERS CONNECT US®

NOMINATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Is your river facing a decision in the coming year that will impact its fate? *America's Most Endangered Rivers*® is the most influential national campaign to galvanize public action and secure victories for rivers, clean water and communities.

The 10 rivers selected as *America's Most Endangered Rivers*® of 2023 will be included in a report in April that is highlighted in national-level media and advocacy efforts. You will also receive comprehensive communications, outreach and advocacy partnership from American Rivers.

Your river is eligible if it meets the following primary criteria:

- The public can influence a decision in the coming year that will impact the river's fate.
- The river holds deep meaning to people and nature.
- The magnitude of threat to the river and its communities is significant, especially in light of a changing climate and/or environmental justice.

American Rivers is highlighting three urgent crises that are impacting rivers and local communities: climate change, racial justice, and biodiversity. All nominations should address one or more of these crises.

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

Background 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 2023 report.

We encourage you to view past reports at <https://www.americanrivers.org/about-mer/> 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 2023 report, so please ensure that information is presented clearly and concisely.

Click here for [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Nominations must be submitted by email using this form to ssampson@americanrivers.org. All nominations must be received by Friday, September 30, 2022. For additional information, please contact Simone Sampson at ssampson@americanrivers.org.

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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](#) or contact Simone Sampson at ssampson@americanrivers.org.

Your Name:

Name of the Entity You Represent:

Your Email Address:

General Information

Name of River:

States crossed, cities/towns/communities impacted, and geographic boundaries (if not entire river):

Top three specific reasons why this river is significant regionally and/or nationally (for example – history, culture, biodiversity, drinking water, etc.)

- *Reason 1:*
- *Reason 2:*
- *Reason 3:*

U.S. Congressional Districts crossed:

Which historically marginalized communities are represented in this area?

Threats and Decisions

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 (e.g., proposed development, water withdrawals, pollution, land-use conflicts, dams, energy generation, water projects, over-allocation, flooding, extractive industries).

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

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Who is posing this threat?

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Who/what will be (or is being) harmed and in what way?

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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.

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Does climate change exacerbate this threat? If so, briefly explain how.

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Do you expect a formal public comment period to happen for this decision? If not, through what avenue can people influence the decision-maker?

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

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Is there anything else you think we need to know about this threat to provide clarity around what is going on?

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Additional Information

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

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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?

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

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