

1 Title: To Amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to Designate Important Headwaters Streams in  
2 the Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone in Montana as components of the Wild and  
3 Scenic Rivers System.  
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6 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in  
7 Congress assembled,

## 8 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

9 This Act may be cited as the “Montana Headwaters Security Act”.

## 10 SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

11 (a) Findings.—Congress finds that—

12 (1) The streams designated herein are cherished by the people of Montana and visitors  
13 from across the United States for their clean and copious water, abundant fish and wildlife,  
14 spectacular natural settings, contribution to irrigation for agriculture, and outstanding  
15 recreational opportunities;

16 (2) Recreational activities (including fishing, hunting, camping, paddling, hiking,  
17 swimming, rock climbing, and wildlife watching) on these streams and the surrounding land  
18 generate millions of dollars annually for the local economy;

19 (3) Montana’s multi-billion dollar agricultural industry thrives on the availability of clean  
20 water that originates in headwaters streams, often found on public lands;

21 (4) All streams noted herein —

22 (A) are national treasures;

23 (B) possess outstandingly remarkable values; and

24 (C) merit the high level of protection afforded by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act  
25 (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) in order to maintain the benefits provided, as described in  
26 paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), for future generations to enjoy; and

27 (5) Designation of select public land segments of these streams under the Wild and  
28 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) would recognize the importance of maintaining  
29 the values of each stream while preserving public access, respecting private property rights,  
30 allowing appropriate maintenance of existing infrastructure, and allowing their historical  
31 uses to continue.

32 (b) Purpose.—The purpose of this Act is to designate certain segments and tributaries of the  
33 Clark Fork River, Flathead River, Missouri River and Yellowstone River Headwaters in the State  
34 of Montana as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to preserve and  
35 protect for present and future generations the outstandingly remarkable values of each stream.

## 36 SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER 37 SEGMENTS.

38 (a) In General.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following:

2 (1) CLARK FORK RIVER HEADWATERS:

3 (210) MONTURE CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Monture Creek in the State of  
4 Montana, consisting of the 10-mile segment on the Lolo National Forest from the  
5 source in the Scapegoat Wilderness downstream to the Forest boundary, to be  
6 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

7 (211) NORTH FORK BLACKFOOT RIVER, MONTANA.—The portions of the North Fork  
8 Blackfoot River in the State of Montana, consisting of—

9 (A) the 13-mile segment on the Lolo National Forest from the source in the  
10 Scapegoat Wilderness downstream to the Wilderness boundary, to be  
11 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

12 (B) the 10-mile segment on the Lolo National Forest from immediately below  
13 the Wilderness boundary to the Forest boundary, to be administered by the  
14 Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river.

15 (212) ROCK CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Rock Creek in the State of Montana,  
16 consisting of the 31-mile segment on the Lolo National Forest from Stony Creek  
17 downstream to the Clark Fork River, to be administered by the Secretary of  
18 Agriculture as a recreational river.

19 (2) FLATHEAD RIVER HEADWATERS:

20 (A) Additions to the existing Wild and Scenic Middle Fork Flathead River:

21 (213) CLACK CREEK, MONTANA.—Clack Creek in the State of Montana,  
22 consisting of the 8-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
23 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness downstream to the point at which the Creek  
24 enters Middle Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of  
25 Agriculture as a wild river.

26 (214) GATEWAY CREEK, MONTANA.—Gateway Creek in the State of Montana,  
27 consisting of the 5-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
28 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness downstream to the point at which the Creek  
29 enters Strawberry Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a  
30 wild river.

31 (215) SCHAFER CREEK, MONTANA.—Schafer Creek in the State of Montana,  
32 consisting of the 11-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
33 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness downstream to the point at which the Creek  
34 enters Middle Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of  
35 Agriculture as a wild river.

36 (216) STRAWBERRY CREEK, MONTANA.—Strawberry Creek in the State of  
37 Montana, consisting of the 14-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
38 the source in the Great Bear Wilderness downstream to the point at which the  
39 Creek enters Middle Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of  
40 Agriculture as a wild river.

41 (B) Additions to the existing Wild and Scenic North Fork Flathead River:

1 (217) TRAIL CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Trail Creek in the State of  
2 Montana, consisting of the 10-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
3 the source in the Whitefish Range downstream to the point at which the Creek  
4 enters North Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of  
5 Agriculture as a scenic river.

6 (218) WHALE CREEK, MONTANA.—Whale Creek in the State of Montana,  
7 consisting of the 21-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
8 in the Whitefish Range downstream to the point at which the Creek enters North  
9 Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a  
10 scenic river.

11 (219) YAKINIKAK CREEK, MONTANA.—Yakinikak Creek in the State of  
12 Montana, consisting of the 3-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
13 the source in the Whitefish Range downstream to the point at which the Creek  
14 enters Trail Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic  
15 river.

16 (C) Additions to the existing Wild and Scenic South Fork Flathead River:

17 (220) AENEAS CREEK, MONTANA.—Aeneas Creek in the State of Montana,  
18 consisting of the 5-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
19 in the Bob Marshal Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters Graves  
20 Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

21 (221) BIG SALMON CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Big Salmon Creek in  
22 the State of Montana, consisting of the 19-mile segment on the Flathead National  
23 Forest from the source in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the  
24 Creek enters the South Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary  
25 of Agriculture as a wild river.

26 (222) DANAHER CREEK, MONTANA.—Danaher Creek in the State of Montana,  
27 consisting of the 23-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
28 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters Limestone  
29 Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

30 (223) GRAVES CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Graves Creek in the State of  
31 Montana, consisting of the 10-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
32 the source in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters  
33 the Hungry Horse Reservoir, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as  
34 a scenic river.

35 (224) LITTLE SALMON CREEK, MONTANA.—Little Salmon Creek in the State of  
36 Montana, consisting of the 19-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
37 the source in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters  
38 the South Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture  
39 as a wild river.

40 (225) SPOTTED BEAR RIVER, MONTANA.—The Spotted Bear River in the State of  
41 Montana, consisting of—

42 (A) the 20-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source

1 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness downstream to the Wilderness boundary, to  
2 be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

3 (B) the 15-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
4 immediately below the Wilderness boundary to the South Fork Flathead, to  
5 be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river.

6 (226) UPPER TWIN CREEK, MONTANA.—Upper Twin Creek in the State of  
7 Montana, consisting of the 6-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from  
8 the source in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters  
9 the South Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture  
10 as a wild river.

11 (227) WHITE RIVER, MONTANA.—The White River in the State of Montana,  
12 consisting of the 23-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
13 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters the South  
14 Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild  
15 river.

16 (228) YOUNG’S CREEK, MONTANA.—Young’s Creek in the State of Montana,  
17 consisting of the 23-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
18 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the point at which the Creek enters the South  
19 Fork Flathead River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild  
20 river.

21 (3) SWAN RIVER HEADWATERS:

22 (229) SWAN RIVER, MONTANA.—The portions of the Swan River in the State of  
23 Montana, consisting of—

24 (A) the 2-mile segments on the Flathead National Forest from the source  
25 at Crystal Lake downstream to Lindbergh Lake, and Cygnet Lake to Holland  
26 Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational  
27 river for its culture, fisheries, history, recreation, scenery and wildlife values;  
28 and

29 (B) the 11-mile segment on the Flathead National Forest from the Swan  
30 River State Forest to Swan Lake, to be administered by the Secretary of  
31 Agriculture as a recreational river for its outstanding fisheries, recreation,  
32 scenery and wildlife values.

33 (4) MISSOURI RIVER HEADWATERS:

34 (229) DEARBORN RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the Dearborn River in the State  
35 of Montana, consisting of the 11-mile segment on the Helena–Lewis and Clark  
36 National Forest from the source in the Scapegoat Wilderness downstream to the Forest  
37 boundary, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river for its  
38 outstanding recreation, scenery and wildlife values.

39 (230) SMITH RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the Smith River in the State of  
40 Montana, consisting of the 12-mile segment on the Helena–Lewis and Clark National  
41 Forest from Tenderfoot Creek downstream to Deep Creek, to be administered by the  
42 Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river.

1 (231) TENDERFOOT CREEK, MONTANA.—Tenderfoot Creek in the State of Montana,  
2 consisting of the 5-mile segment on the Helena–Lewis and Clark National Forest from  
3 the source in the Little Belt Mountains downstream to the Smith River, to be  
4 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river.

5 (232) GALLATIN RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the Gallatin River in the State of  
6 Montana, consisting of the 39-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest  
7 from the Yellowstone National Park boundary downstream to the Forest boundary, to be  
8 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river.

9 (233) HYALITE CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Hyalite Creek in the State of  
10 Montana, consisting of the 6-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from  
11 the source in the Gallatin Range downstream to Hyalite Reservoir, to be administered  
12 by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

13 (234) TAYLOR FORK RIVER, MONTANA.—Taylor Fork Creek in the State of Montana,  
14 consisting of—

15 (A) the 4-mile segments on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source  
16 in the Madison Range downstream to the Wilderness boundary, to be  
17 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

18 (B) the 13-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the  
19 Wilderness boundary downstream to the Gallatin River, to be administered by the  
20 Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river for its outstanding fisheries,  
21 recreation, scenery and wildlife values.

22 (235) MADISON RIVER, MONTANA.— The portions of the Madison River in the State  
23 of Montana, consisting of—

24 (A) the 8-mile segments on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source  
25 at Hebgen Lake downstream to the Forest boundary below Quake Lake, and  
26 Cygnet Lake to Holland Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture  
27 as a recreational river; and

28 (B) the 10-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from below the  
29 Ennis Dam Powerhouse downstream to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness boundary, to  
30 be administered by the Secretary of Interior as a wild river for its fisheries,  
31 geology, recreation, scenery, and wildlife values ; and

32 (C) the 5-mile segment on the Bureau of Land Management land from the Lee  
33 Metcalf Wilderness Boundary downstream to Black’s Ford, to be administered by  
34 the Secretary of Interior as a recreational river for its outstanding fisheries,  
35 geology recreation, scenery and wildlife values.

36 (236) SOUTH FORK MADISON RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the South Fork  
37 Madison River in the State of Montana, consisting of the 18-mile segment on the  
38 Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source downstream to the South Arm of  
39 Hebgen Lake, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

40 (5) YELLOWSTONE RIVER HEADWATERS:

41 (237) BEAR CREEK, MONTANA.—Bear Creek in the State of Montana, consisting of

1 the 10-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source  
2 downstream to the point at which the Creek enters the Yellowstone River, to be  
3 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river.

4 (238) BOULDER RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the Boulder River in the State of  
5 Montana, consisting of the 27-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest  
6 from the source in the Beartooth Range downstream to the Forest boundary, to be  
7 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river.

8 (239) HELLROARING CREEK, MONTANA.—Hellroaring Creek in the State of Montana,  
9 consisting of the 19-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the  
10 source in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to the Forest boundary, to  
11 be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

12 (240) LAKE FORK ROCK CREEK, MONTANA.—The Lake Fork Rock Creek in the State  
13 of Montana, consisting of the 8-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest  
14 from the source in the Beartooth Range downstream to the Rock Creek, to be  
15 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

16 (241) ROCK CREEK, MONTANA.—The portion of Rock Creek in the State of Montana,  
17 consisting of the 13-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the  
18 source in the Beartooth Range downstream to the Forest boundary, to be administered  
19 by the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river.

20 (242) SLOUGH CREEK, MONTANA.—Slough Creek in the State of Montana, consisting  
21 of the 18-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source in the  
22 Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to the Forest boundary, to be  
23 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

24 (243) STILLWATER RIVER, MONTANA.—The portions of Stillwater River in the State  
25 of Montana, consisting of—

26 (A) the 23-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source  
27 in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to the Wilderness boundary,  
28 to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

29 (B) the 4-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the  
30 Wilderness boundary downstream to the Forest boundary, to be administered by  
31 the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational river.

32 (244) WEST BOULDER RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the West Boulder River in  
33 the State of Montana, consisting of the 17-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin  
34 National Forest from the source in the Beartooth Range downstream to the Forest  
35 boundary, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river.

36 (245) WEST STILLWATER RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the West Stillwater  
37 River in the State of Montana, consisting of the 10-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin  
38 National Forest from the source in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to  
39 the Wilderness boundary, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild  
40 river.

41 (246) WEST FORK ROCK CREEK, MONTANA.— The portion of the West Stillwater  
42 River in the State of Montana, consisting of—

1 (A) the 6-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the source  
2 in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to the Wilderness boundary,  
3 to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

4 (B) the 4-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the  
5 Wilderness boundary downstream to the Forest boundary, to be administered by  
6 the Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river.

7 (247) YELLOWSTONE RIVER, MONTANA.—The portion of the Yellowstone River in  
8 the State of Montana, consisting of the 17-mile segment on the Custer Gallatin  
9 National Forest from the Yellowstone National Park boundary in Gardner downstream  
10 to the Carbella Fishing Access Site, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture  
11 as a wild river.

## 12 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act  
14 (including the amendments made by this Act).