



*White Salmon River (WA) | Photo Evan Stafford*



*Klamath River (CA) | Photo Scott Harding*

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**Taking Part in the Historic Restoration of the Klamath River:** After nearly two decades of engagement on the issue, we expect the Klamath River dam removal to get underway in 2023 with all four dams removed by summer 2024. This tribally led effort is the largest dam removal project in history and will help improve water quality and restore fisheries. It will also create new whitewater runs, including through Wards Canyon, a section that has been dewatered for a century (pictured). American Whitewater has led the effort to ensure that hydropower-related river hazards are removed and that public river accesses are constructed as part of the dam removal process.

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*Middle Prong Little Pigeon (NC) | Photo Andrew Grizzell*

Explore any personal first descents recently or know a run like the back of your hand? Come away with some great photos and/or a story to tell? Help American Whitewater advocate for rivers and share your fresh beta for future river travelers by adding one or more photos, alerts, opinions regarding flows and lines, and stories of specific descents as a trip report to our online river database at [americanwhitewater.org/](https://americanwhitewater.org/)!



*Colorado River (UT) | Photo Thomas O'Keefe*

As we confront a drier future in the Southern Rockies, American Whitewater is working hard to protect our free flowing rivers, like the Gila and Crystal, by advocating for wild and scenic designation, while also advocating for preserving and enhancing environmental and recreational values in the Colorado River basin during the process to determine future reservoir operations at Lake Powell and Lake Mead which begins in early 2023.



*West Branch Montreal River (WI) | Photo Jake Ring*



*North Fork Nooksack River (WA) | Photo Thomas O'Keefe*

A new take-out for the NF Nooksack, restoration of the road and formal access on the NF Skykomish, and public access to the White Salmon are all projects we will be working on in 2023. We'll be taking advantage of federal investments in recreation infrastructure like these across the country.



*Catawba River (SC) | Photo Chris Jackson*

2023 is going to be big for flow restoration and river protection in the Southeast! The class III Great Falls of the Catawba will begin scheduled releases in March. Currently, Duke Energy is putting the finishing touches on AW-proposed trails and a unique man-made channel. Further up in the mountains, we'll be pushing for new river protections in North Carolina and Tennessee.



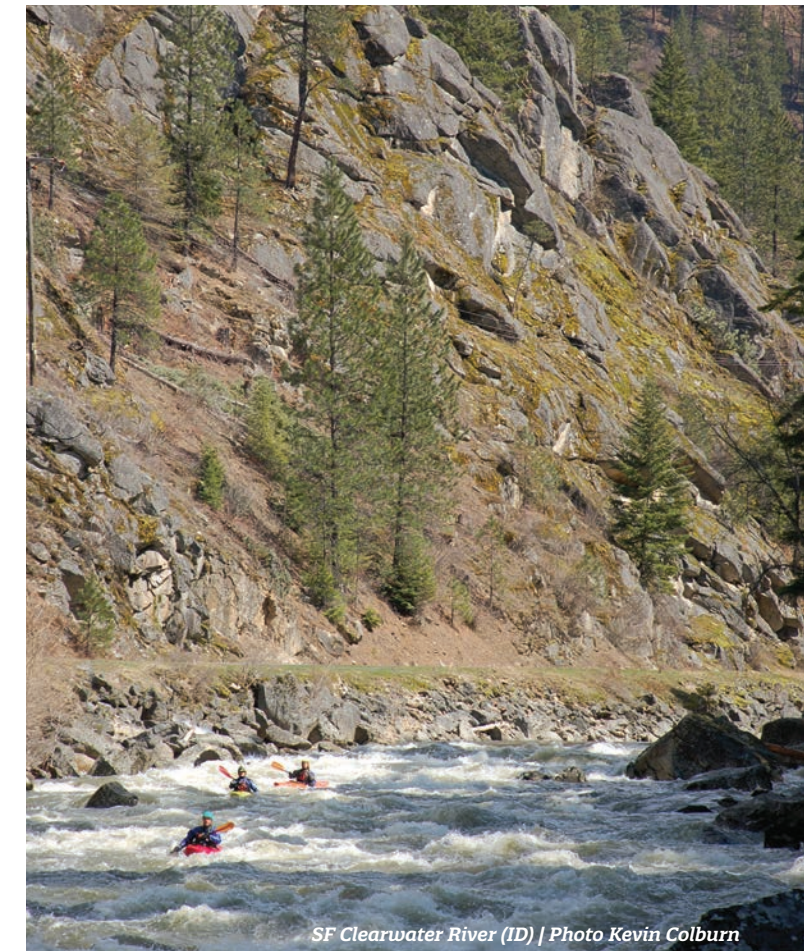
*Beaver River (NY) | Photo Barbara Gaskin*

American Whitewater is working to protect and expand boating opportunities on the Beaver, Black, and Moose rivers in New York where dozens of dams are up for relicensing for the first time in 30 years. These popular Northeast rivers draw thousands of paddlers of all abilities each year.



*Youghiogheny River (MD) | Photo Kevin Colburn*

Our project slate in the Mid-Atlantic is all about access right now. American Whitewater is working to support trail improvements on the Lower Yough (pictured), to open Montgomery County, Maryland parks to paddling, and we continue to work with Harpers Ferry Historical Park to explore river access options on the Shenandoah River.



*SF Clearwater River (ID) | Photo Kevin Colburn*

Our Montana Headwaters Legacy Act, which would designate twenty awesome whitewater rivers as Wild and Scenic, is moving through the congressional process thanks to public support. We'll need your help to keep pushing this landmark bill forward. Influencing National Forest Management plans to benefit rivers in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah will also be a focus in 2023.

