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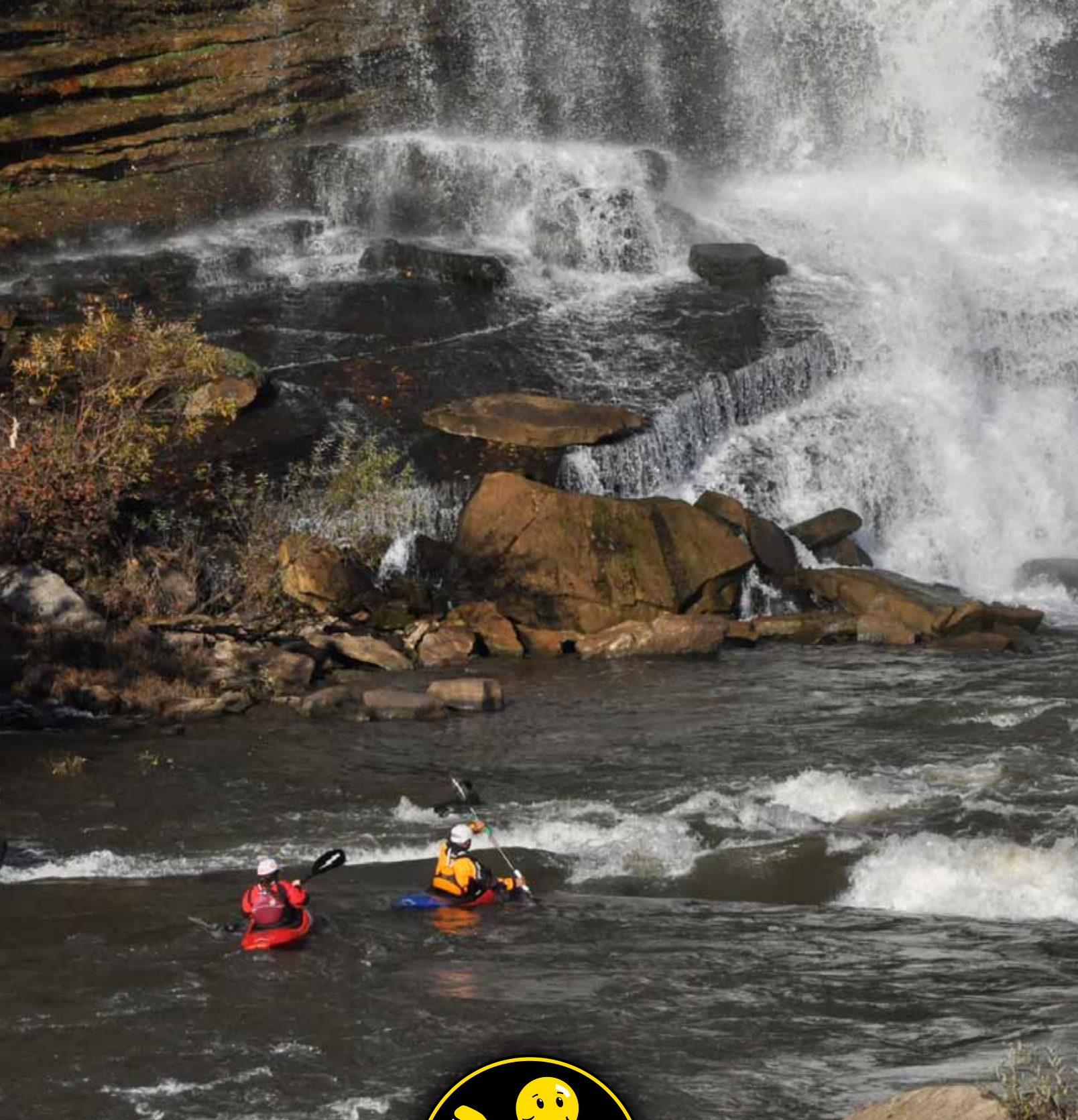
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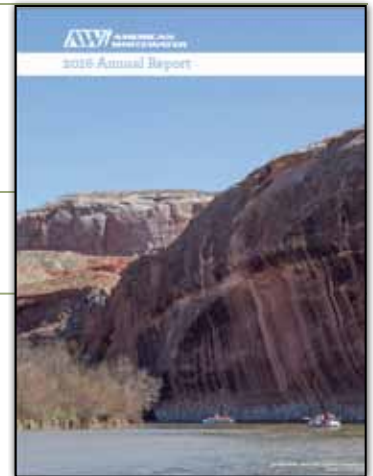
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RIVER STEWARDSHIP: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

Our mission: "To conserve and restore America's whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely," is actively pursued through our conservation, access, safety and education efforts under the umbrella of River Stewardship. The only national organization representing the interest of all whitewater paddlers, American Whitewater is the national voice for thousands of individual whitewater enthusiasts, as well as over 100 local paddling club affiliates.

AW's River Stewardship program adheres to the four tenets of our mission statement:

CONSERVATION: AW's professional staff works closely with volunteers and partner organizations to protect the ecological and scenic values of all whitewater rivers. These goals are accomplished through direct participation in public decision-making

processes, grassroots advocacy, coalition building, empowerment of volunteers, public outreach and education, and, when necessary, legal action.

RIVER ACCESS: To assure public access to whitewater rivers pursuant to the guidelines published in its official Access Policy, AW arranges for river access through private lands by negotiation or purchase, seeks to protect the right of public passage on all rivers and streams navigable by kayak or canoe, encourages equitable and responsible management of whitewater rivers on public lands, and works with government agencies and other river users to achieve these goals.

SAFETY: AW promotes paddling safely, publishes reports on whitewater accidents, maintains a uniform national ranking system for whitewater rivers (the International Scale of Whitewater Difficulty) and publishes and disseminates the internationally-recognized American Whitewater Safety Code.

EDUCATION: AW shares information with the general public and the paddling community regarding

whitewater rivers, as well as river recreation, conservation, access, and safety. This is accomplished through our bi-monthly AW Journal, a monthly e-news, americanwhitewater.org, paddling events, educational events, and through direct communication with the press.

Together, AW staff, members, volunteers, and affiliate clubs can achieve our goals of conserving, protecting and restoring America's whitewater resources and enhancing opportunities to safely enjoy these wonderful rivers.

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THE JOURNEY AHEAD

THE STAFF AND Board of American Whitewater are using this issue of the *American Whitewater Journal* to share our 2016 Annual Report with you (starting on page 9 of this issue). Our river stewardship program is the heart and soul of American Whitewater, reinforcing the notion that conservation and recreation are mutually dependent. With access to high quality rivers and paddling, time spent on the water forms the basis for a conservation ethic that values these special places. Paddlers understand that you cannot love what you don't know. It's our love of whitewater that makes us fierce defenders of rivers and their flows. This intimate connection to flowing water has made American Whitewater a force in river stewardship for over 60 years now.

American Whitewater stands ready to defend rivers through our national activism and regional grassroots approach to river stewardship. With 43% of paddling in this country located on public lands, how our public lands and rivers are managed impacts our community of whitewater paddlers. We believe strongly that these lands should remain in public hands with the current protections in place because they belong to the American people. And, more importantly, these lands and rivers are part of our shared natural heritage. American Whitewater staff members are working hard to amplify your voice in Washington DC in these dynamic times. We are defending hydropower laws that allow us to negotiate flows and access at dams. We are defending the Clean Water Act, which protects both water quality and quantity. We are further advocating that new rivers be given protections under federal and state Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts. And, while these national policy issues are keeping us busy, we also continue to keep steady pressure on various local projects in your backyard.

Your membership support allows American Whitewater's River Stewardship Team to work on important projects in their respective regions. Our River Stewardship

Team consists of professional staff supported by board members and volunteers from communities across the country. Last year, volunteer hours totaled 5,904 (the equivalent of three additional full-time staff members!). American Whitewater's regional approach to stewardship work is focused on our mission, "To conserve and restore America's whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely."

Looking back at our success in 2016, American Whitewater achieved these important stewardship milestones:

- Volunteer hours contributed in 2016: 5,904
- Members at year end: 5,686
- Affiliate Clubs: 115
- Rivers on which new flows were restored: 3
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- Court victories protecting the right to paddle: 1
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- Collaboratively managed river access: 16
- Unique website users (over 8 million page views per year): 962,000
- New National Monument designations: Bears Ears (UT), Katahdin Woods and Waters (ME): 2

Few organizations accomplish the same level of results with the limited resources

of American Whitewater. Each membership dollar that AW receives is leveraged to generate \$4 in total funding directed at supporting river stewardship. The \$1 to \$4 match is achievable because AW is able to attract support from foundations, private donors, advertising opportunities, events and partnerships. As a result, your membership dollar goes four times as far in the protection of whitewater rivers.

We take the financial management of our resources seriously; American Whitewater received our seventh straight 4-Star Rating (the highest possible) from Charity Navigator for our financial practices and transparency. Only 3% of charities rated by Charity Navigator received seven or more consecutive 4-star evaluations. This evaluation demonstrates our commitment to best management practices and open communication. Charity Navigator's independent assessment of our work confirms that we are on the right track and providing an important service to the whitewater boating community.

As we look to the future, we continue to appreciate the importance of rivers and their role in supporting the health and well being of the paddling community. We remain committed to giving back to these special places and have a great story to tell right now. Our stewardship projects are making a real difference to rivers and local communities, while providing flows for recreation and habitat. If you are reading this publication and you are not a member, please consider supporting this work. If you are a member, thanks for your support, pass this issue on to a friend and let them know what we are doing. There has never been a better time to support American Whitewater!

Take care of our wild rivers and they will take care of you,



Executive Director, American Whitewater

STEWARDSHIP

CALIFORNIA RIVER ACCESS MILESTONES

BY THERESA SIMSIMAN



The new river access at Rock Creek is a game-changer for paddlers on the North Feather
Photo by Dave Steindorf

IN CALIFORNIA, ONE of our main river stewardship goals remains improving and maintaining river access. Success in this arena for American Whitewater has come from hydropower relicensing and the replacement of aging highway bridges. Although these undertakings are often multi-year long exercises in patience and persistence, they do yield results like the new Rock Creek put-in on the North Fork Feather and the preservation of river access at Mosquito Road Bridge on the South Fork American.

As a tenet of the River Recreation Access Plan negotiated in the license for the Rock Creek-Cresta Hydroelectric Project, Pacific Gas & Electric and American Whitewater marked the opening of the new Rock Creek put-in on the North Fork Feather River on June 3, 2017. Sixteen years of steadfast advocacy in the making, this put-in provides paved parking and river level access.

Paddlers of this stretch of river will no longer have to dodge speeding cars while crossing the highway or scramble down the steep embankment to get themselves and their gear to the river.

On the Class IV-V stretch of the South Fork American River known as Slab Creek, steady public participation since 2013 secured access through the Mosquito Road Bridge Replacement Project. The County of El Dorado and a coalition composed of American Whitewater, El Dorado County residents and businesses, and other conservation and recreation organizations announced an agreement ensuring continued access to Mosquito Road Bridge, aka “The Swinging Bridge,” and the South Fork American River. In the Memorandum of Understanding reached on May 9, 2017, the County agreed to allow year-round, unencumbered pedestrian and vehicle access to the South Fork American

River at the bridge, dawn to dusk, unless a closure is required for emergencies or maintenance.

Despite these major milestones, access work remains for American Whitewater in California. For instance, still quod since 2011 is the relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, where opportunities to improve the take-out for the Wild & Scenic Tuolumne River at Wards Ferry Bridge continue to be an important objective. Elsewhere, American Whitewater is starting the scoping process for the Kaweah River Hydroelectric Project, where improving access will take center stage during the relicensing negotiations with Southern California Edison. It is our hope that with continued perseverance American Whitewater will have more access highlights to share in the years to come.



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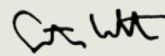
On behalf of the American Whitewater Board of Directors and staff, we are pleased to report outstanding financial performance and stewardship success for our members in 2016. As we move through our seventh decade of river activism, American Whitewater has become the standard bearer for the stewardship of rivers that are important to our community. As whitewater paddlers, we know that you cannot love what you do not understand. It's your and our love of whitewater that makes us such fierce defenders of rivers. This intimate connection to flowing water has made paddlers an important force in river conservation throughout our history. Put simply, our combined efforts get results.

As we navigate 2017 and its political division, American Whitewater stands ready to defend rivers through our national activism and regional grassroots approach to river stewardship. With 43% of paddling in this country located on public lands, how our public lands and rivers are managed impacts our community of whitewater paddlers. We believe strongly that these lands should remain in public hands with the current protections in place as they belong to the American people. And, more importantly, these lands and rivers are part of our shared natural heritage. American Whitewater staff are working hard to amplify your voice in Washington DC in these dynamic times. We are defending hydropower laws that allow us to negotiate flows and access at dams. We are defending the Clean Water Act, which protects both water quality and quantity. We are further advocating that new rivers be given protections under federal and state Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts. And, while these national policy issues are keeping us busy, we also continue to keep steady pressure on various local projects in your backyard.

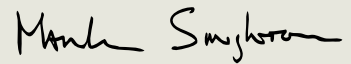
Thanks to an organization-wide effort to provide transparency and operate efficiently, Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, awarded American Whitewater with our seventh consecutive 4-star rating. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that American Whitewater adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes our mission in a fiscally responsible way. Only 3% of the nonprofits Charity Navigator rates have received seven consecutive 4-star evaluations. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates American Whitewater from our peers and demonstrates to the public that we are worthy of their trust and support.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2016 and our record of protecting rivers over the last sixty plus years. The key to our success is the strong backing from you, our members; it is only through your support that we are able to advocate so effectively and also take the long view on river stewardship. As we look to the future, we continue to appreciate the importance of rivers and their role in supporting the health and well-being of our collective paddling community.

Thanks for your continued support,



Courtney Wilton
President, Board of Directors



Mark Singleton
Executive Director

KEY METRICS FOR 2016

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American Whitewater is working to protect boating on the East Branch of the Penobscot River, part of the newly proclaimed Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine. | Photo courtesy of Chris Hull

STEWARDSHIP

American Whitewater logged a banner year of river conservation and access outcomes in 2016 that will have profound benefits for generations to come. We helped with the designation of new national monuments and legislation giving new weight to the outdoor recreation economy. We secured state bridge access legislation in Washington that serves as a national model, and won a vital court case in South Carolina protecting the public right to paddle rivers. We advanced federal Wild and Scenic River protections across the headwaters of the US, and secured new state scenic river designations in Tennessee and Oregon. And of course, we made great strides in limiting the impacts of dams through defeating bad hydropower legislation, restoring and co-managing flows, and defeating proposed new dams.

These projects are emblematic of the paddling community's dedication to protecting and restoring the rivers that we feel so fortunate to enjoy. American Whitewater's river stewardship program pairs professional staff with paddlers who volunteer and take action to benefit rivers through results-oriented non-partisan advocacy. At any given time we are working on well over 100 river stewardship projects, and below are some of the 2016 highlights from headwater regions across the United States.

National

American Whitewater continued to amplify our presence in Washington DC through our core roles in the Hydropower Reform Coalition and Outdoor Alliance. We worked with the Hydropower Reform Coalition to successfully block new laws that would have made it easier to dam and divert rivers. In 2016 our Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director Thomas O'Keefe accepted the role as chair of the coalition. This recognition by our peers, represented by the 160 organizations that make up the coalition nationally, is evidence of our leadership and experience in hydropower licensing. Through Outdoor Alliance we supported bipartisan legislation requiring the federal government to track and count the economic impact of outdoor recreation, which passed and was signed into law in December. Lastly, we worked closely with Outdoor Alliance to draw national support for successful National Monument designations that benefitted rivers, including the San Juan River in Bears Ears National Monument (UT) and the East Branch of the Penobscot in Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (ME).

Southeast

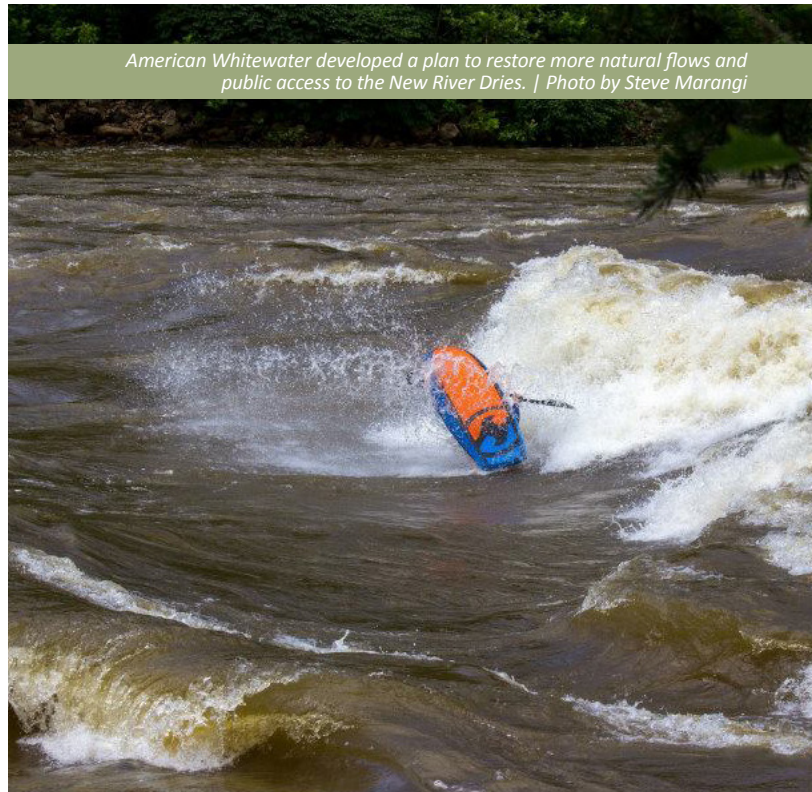
2016 was an outstanding year for American Whitewater in the Southeast. With the pro bono assistance of the law firm Nelson Galbreath, LLC, we won a court case that protected the right of citizens to paddle a Class IV section of the South Fork Saluda River in South Carolina. We played a large role in securing state Scenic River designation for Tennessee's Soak Creek, the first such designation in almost two decades. We celebrated the first releases on the beginner-friendly Bridgewater section of the Catawba River (NC), which we negotiated over a decade ago. Proponents of a new hydropower project proposed on the Cullasaja River canned the project after we raised concerns with federal regulators. Lastly, we spent a great deal of time building relationships and agreements around how western North Carolina's National Forests should be managed. Through these efforts we secured broad agreements supportive of over 20 rivers newly eligible for Wild and Scenic River designation and recreation rules that welcome paddlers to sustainably enjoy our public lands and waters.



Tennessee's Soak Creek was one of three rivers American Whitewater helped to secure state Scenic River designations for in 2016. | Photo by Kevin Colburn

Mid Atlantic

American Whitewater crafted a series of innovative proposals for restoring more natural flows and public access to the New River Dries in 2016. If adopted by federal and state agencies, our work will create new opportunities for intermediate kayakers, canoeists, and rafters to enjoy this spectacular river at moderate flows on an average of 32 days annually. Also in 2016 we invested in our Johns Creek River Access Area, which was named a Virginia Treasure by the Commonwealth. We closely tracked a landowner lawsuit regarding Johns Creek, which has since been withdrawn, and many paddlers enjoyed the long-controversial river without issue. Near our nation's capital, we successfully secured a portage route around Millville Dam on the Shenandoah River as part of our Harpers Ferry River Access Plan. Lastly, we offered strategic advice throughout the year to paddlers striving to improve river management in various state and county parks around the region.



American Whitewater developed a plan to restore more natural flows and public access to the New River Dries. | Photo by Steve Marangi



American Whitewater won a monumental shift in Wild & Scenic River considerations in Colorado with new suitability findings for the Dolores and San Miguel Rivers. | Photo by Evan Stafford

Pacific Northwest

American Whitewater reached several critical milestones in our efforts to enhance public access and protect free-flowing rivers in the Pacific Northwest in 2016. One of our most celebrated achievements of the year was the defeat of a new hydropower project that would have dewatered Ernie's Gorge on the North Fork Snoqualmie (WA).

We continued with Members of Congress and the Administration to protect free-flowing rivers. Our Wild Olympics legislation to protect major river systems on Washington's Olympic Peninsula had its first Congressional hearing, an important milestone in the legislative process. We also successfully secured a 20-year moratorium on new mining claims in Oregon's Kalmiopsis region that includes the headwaters of the Smith and Rogue rivers. At the state level, sections of the Chetco and Molalla (OR) were designated as State Scenic Waterways.

Finally, in 2016 we completed many important river access projects. We celebrated the opening of new river access on the Clackamas River (OR) constructed as part of a negotiated agreement for enhancement measures to mitigate for hydropower impacts on the river. Punchbowl Falls on the Hood River (OR) came into public ownership. And, with an action that we anticipate will benefit dozens of river access points associated with highway bridges, Washington's Governor Inslee signed a bill into law that requires the Department of Transportation to protect existing access and evaluate feasibility of improving access when a bridge is reconstructed.

California

Emerging from 4 years of drought, paddlers reaped the benefits of American Whitewater's work to restore the health of our rivers on hydropower projects across California, enjoying 100 days of recreational opportunities in 2016. Following almost 20 years of work to restore flows to the North Fork Feather River, we helped negotiate the return of natural flows paramount to the health of Foothill Yellow Legged Frog populations, and in the process netted more recreational flow days on Rock Creek during spill events. Elsewhere, over 200 paddlers enjoyed

the first license required recreational flows on the South Fork American below Slab Creek Reservoir. American Whitewater coordinated with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to provide adequate parking for this event. And on Canyon Creek, the restored flows we advocated for in the new license came one step closer to fruition as the utility released test flows to help refine the method to implement future ones.

Access to these opportunities also remained a key focus of American Whitewater in 2016. We participated in the California State Lands Commission 2016-2020 Strategic Plan with a focus on the preparation and dissemination of the Legal Guide to Rights on and to California Navigable Waters. We also continued our advocacy for key access points such as Mosquito Road Bridge and Highway 49 Bridge on the South Fork American River, Wards Ferry Bridge on the Tuolumne and celebrated as PG&E broke ground for a new put-in for Rock Creek on the North Fork Feather.

Finally, American Whitewater continued work on identifying iconic California rivers that are eligible for Wild and Scenic status through the USFS Forest Planning process for the Inyo, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests. American Whitewater provided comment to ensure that whitewater boating values are not overlooked for rivers like the Lower Kern, Dinkey Creek and the San Joaquin.



This access below the Rock Creek Dam on the North Fork Feather was negotiated by American Whitewater with PG&E. | Photo by Jeff Jukkola

American Whitewater played a major role in defeating a new hydropower project in Washington state that would have de-watered one of the Seattle area's most prized Class V runs, Ernie's Gorge of the North Fork Snoqualmie. | Photo by Thomas Marley



Southern Rockies

In 2016, American Whitewater achieved a number of successes for the high alpine streams and broad desert rivers of the southern Rockies. We secured administrative protections under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act for the Dolores and San Miguel, and are working with the State of Colorado to ensure these gems are protected by a full suite of measures designed to keep water in rivers. Our team worked with Montrose County to assess the impacts that new reservoirs might have on the health of the San Miguel River and paddling opportunities popular around Telluride, Norwood, Naturita, and beyond. At the statewide level, we developed important baseline data that will help communities enhance river based recreation through the Colorado Water Plan and Basin Implementation Plans, and the State has recruited us to assist in shaping the future of water supply management in Colorado.

Northern Rockies

In June of 2016, federal regulators rejected a proposal to build a 109-foot-tall hydroelectric dam on the Bear River in southeast Idaho. American Whitewater and our partners have worked diligently for over 14 years to protect the Oneida Narrows section of the Bear River from this dam. We celebrated this final decision that will keep this section of river freely flowing! We also maintained our steady efforts to designate new Wild and Scenic Rivers in Montana. Through these efforts we secured broad grassroots support as well as high level endorsements, and continue to seek introduction of a Wild and Scenic Rivers bill for Montana. At the same time we employed comments, films, meetings, and our members' activism to secure draft Wild and Scenic eligibility status from the Forest Service for many great streams in Montana. Also, American Whitewater staff worked with paddlers on the Weber, Malad and other regional rivers to improve paddling conditions below dams.

Northeast

In 2016, American Whitewater continued to work to restore rivers that have suffered adverse impacts from hydropower projects and protect access throughout the Northeast. We made steady progress in our work to restore aquatic habitat and boating opportunities on the Connecticut River at Bellows Falls and Turners Falls. Last year we began negotiations in the FERC licensing process, building off of our flow studies that demonstrated the potential for these resources. We also completed a whitewater boating study on the Deerfield River at the Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Project that we'll use in the FERC process to improve boating opportunities.

We also marked a major milestone in our effort to protect the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook in Connecticut as Wild and Scenic when the Senate passed legislation to designate these waterways. In the new Congress, the Senate has reintroduced the bill and we'll be supporting it through final passage. Additionally, we started work in 2016 to protect whitewater boating on the East Branch of the Penobscot River, which is part of the newly proclaimed Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. The Governor and Congressional delegation from Maine opposed the designation based on unfounded concerns that it would limit public access to recreational resources. Finally, in New Hampshire we permanently protected access to the Winnepesaukee River by securing a donation of land at the put-in, and completed construction of a parking area at the put-in for the Contoocook River.

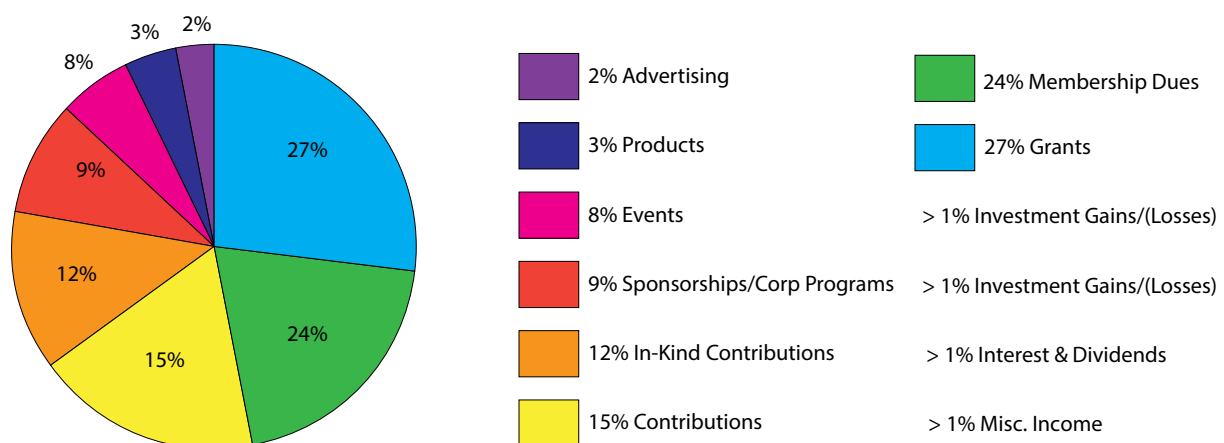
A proposal to build a hydroelectric dam on the Bear River in southeast Idaho was rejected in 2016, protecting the Oneida Narrows after a 14 year battle to keep this river section freely flowing. | Photo by Kevin Lewis



2016 Statement of Activities

Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2016	Total 2015
PUBLIC SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$221,397	\$16,079	\$237,476	\$247,527
Membership dues	\$380,316		\$380,316	\$366,537
Advertising	\$36,440		\$36,440	\$44,419
Grants		\$427,247	\$427,247	\$271,474
Events	\$123,820		\$123,820	\$84,861
Sponsorships/Corp Programs	\$136,390		\$136,390	\$117,171
Products	\$40,569		\$40,569	\$51,914
Investment Gains/(losses)	\$2,222		\$2,222	\$(760)
Management Fees & Services				
In-Kind Contributions	\$189,594		\$189,594	\$155,669
Interest & Dividends	\$1,591		\$1,591	\$903
Misc. Income	\$855		\$855	\$1,270
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$385,649	\$(385,649)	\$-	\$-
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,518,843	\$57,677	\$1,576,520	\$1,340,985
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
Access & Conservation	\$704,733	\$-	\$704,733	\$627,805
Public Education	\$423,225	\$-	\$423,225	\$407,763
Total Program Services	\$1,127,958	\$-	\$1,127,958	\$1,035,568
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
General & Administrative	\$165,506	\$-	\$165,506	\$186,865
Fundraising	\$114,277	\$-	\$114,277	\$84,780
Total Supporting Services	\$279,783	\$-	\$279,783	\$271,645
Total Expenses	\$1,407,741		\$1,407,741	\$1,307,213
Change in Net Assets Before Gains/(Losses)	\$111,102	\$57,677	\$168,779	\$33,772
Website Write-down	\$(20,724)		\$(20,724)	\$(132,274)
Total Change in Net Assets	\$90,378	\$57,677	\$148,055	\$(98,502)

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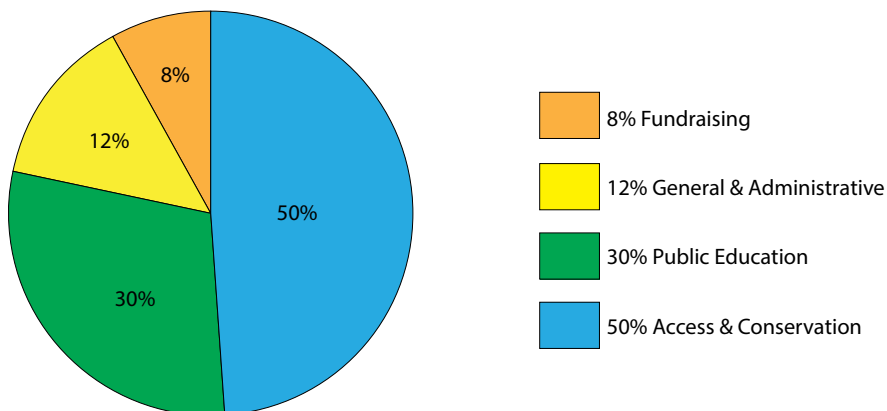


2016 Assets and Liability

Assets	2016	2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$596,693	\$486,643
Accounts Receivable	\$13,478	\$17,550
Grants Receivable	\$60,650	\$53,800
Investments	\$238,055	\$193,725
Prepaid Expenses	\$29,340	\$15,622
Direct Deposit Funds Advanced		
Inventory	\$17,609	\$8,638
	Total Current Assets	\$955,825
LONG-TERM ASSETS		
Lands held for protection	\$58,317	\$58,317
Computer equipment, net	\$11,285	\$25,608
	Total Long-Term Assets	\$69,602
	Total Assets	\$1,025,427

Liabilities & Fund Balances	2016	2015
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$27,017	\$13,210
Other liabilities	\$867	\$529
Deferred Revenues	\$1,500	\$-
Payroll Liabilities	\$3,561	\$1,737
	Total Current Liabilities	\$32,945
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$705,890	\$615,512
Restricted Net Assets	\$286,592	\$228,915
	Total Net Assets	\$992,482
	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,025,427

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National Forest Planning
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Wild and Scenic Rivers Campaign (MT)

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Animas River (CO)
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BLM Land Management Plans (CO)
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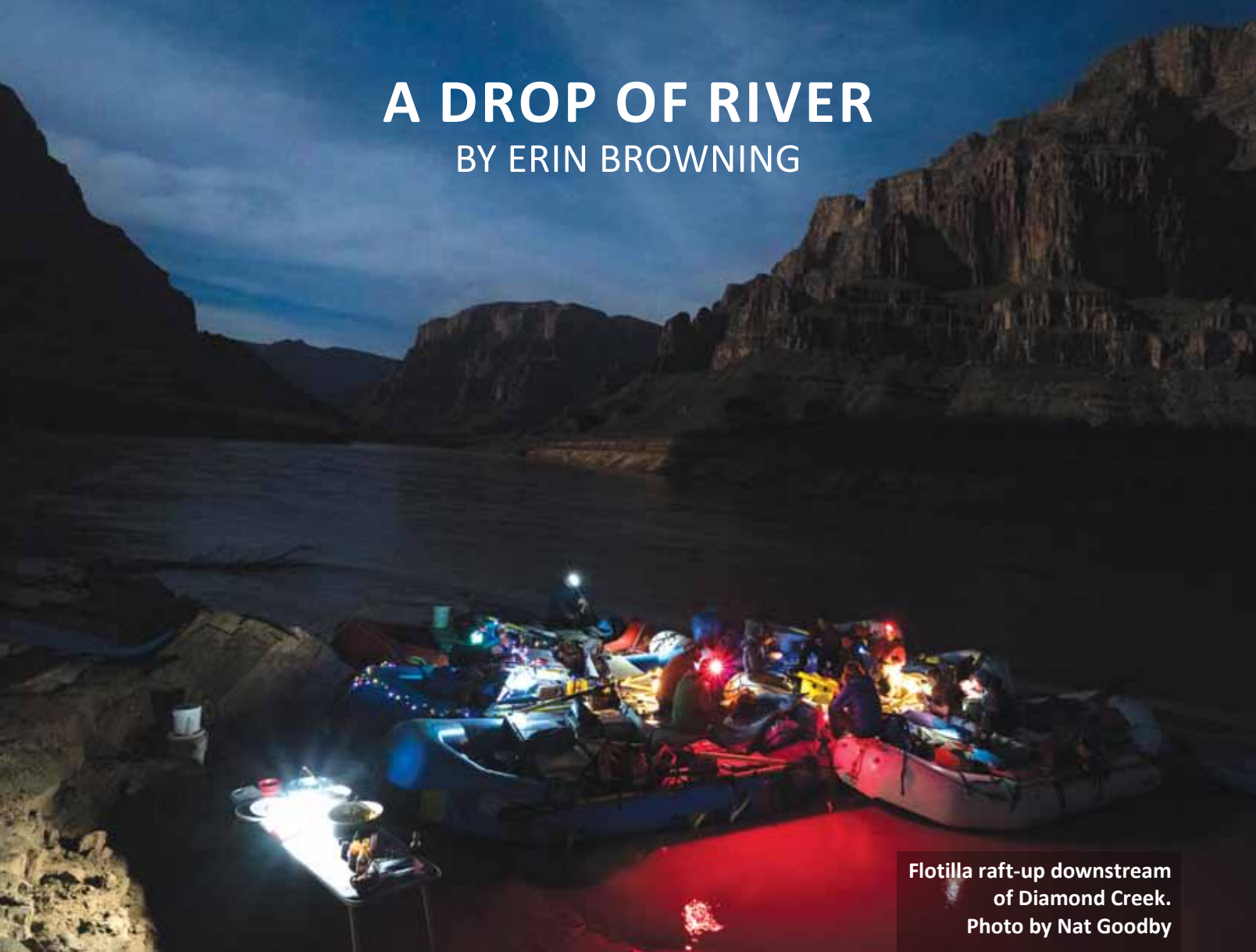
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A DROP OF RIVER

BY ERIN BROWNING



Flotilla raft-up downstream of Diamond Creek. Photo by Nat Goodby

WE ROUNDED A bend in the river, the tall limestone walls a silent testament to the age of the canyon we were floating through. A bald eagle sat atop a towering buttress, unsure if it should fly away even though we were 100 feet below it. We sat in Teresa and Mel's boat, dubbed the ChicaRica, giggling. Giggling about good times on past trips, how latex funnels are impossible to pee through when wearing a drysuit, even though that is what they are supposed to be for (called She-pees), and how we nearly flipped our boat on a sharp eddy whirlpool line after a laughably easy Class II rapid.

We were on a private trip on the Grand Canyon: 25 days, 16 people, six boats. This trip had everything I could possibly want—my friends, my kind of adventure, and my partner Nat, who would be hiking in at

Phantom Ranch to join us on the second half. Now that I was finally there, giggling, I couldn't believe I had even considered not coming on the trip.

I had already rafted the Canyon twice before: once in the winter, and another time in October. Both were wildly amazing trips. Yet for some reason, I was full of fear coming into this third trip. I somehow felt that the odds were stacked against me, since we'd had all clean runs through rapids the last time, and it was time for me to pay my river dues. Perhaps I'd take a swim through the 40-degree water, maybe get stuck in a munchy hole, or worst of all, get an appendage stuck through a loose strap on a boat during a flip, a full flip of the boat that is. All I could think about were the stories I had heard of people getting seriously injured or killed. A friend

of a friend broke her leg in the rapid Horn Creek. Another friend got a concussion when she got launched by a big wave head first into the frame of a raft and had to be helicoptered out. And then there are the hundreds of YouTube videos of boats flipping in the infamous rapid Lava Falls, enormous surging holes ripping coolers out from underneath the overturned rafts, with onlookers screaming "Where are the people?!" Now don't get me wrong; I love adventures. I have organized my life around maintaining the ability to pick up and go on a ski tour, rafting or climbing trip at almost any time. The seasonal life of an Outward Bound Instructor is extremely flexible. And yet, I was afraid. Afraid for myself, but also for Nat, who I watched nearly die as his face and tongue swelled after getting stung by eight yellow jackets at the base of Charlotte Dome last fall. I wouldn't be able to bear

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Top: Lulu Nord pushing into Lava Falls.
Bottom: Lulu Nord rowing Upset Rapid.
Photos by Nat Goodby

watching him get recirculated in a Lava Falls hole or be stuck under a raft, to be near the brink again.

The bald eagle launched itself from the top of the limestone buttress and began flying down canyon as we serenaded it with the

National Anthem. After all, we were inside one of the brightest gems of the United States National Park system. Why not take a moment to be patriotic? We gave thanks for the environmentalists who had come before us, namely David Brower, who helped prevent dams from being built that



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would have flooded the Canyon in the mid 1960s. He organized a dory expedition to go down the Canyon, and the ensuing book of the adventure helped educate the public on the natural wonder they were about to lose. David Brower and the Sierra Club also published an ad in the New York Times in 1966 asking "Should we also flood the Sistine Chapel so tourists can get nearer the ceiling?" The Bureau of Reclamation was unable to build the dams because of the resulting public outcry.

We pulled our boats into the eddy next to Redwall Cavern on river left, a beautifully symmetrical arching sandstone cave that continued back into the surrounding cliff 400 feet. The pristine white beach beckoned us into the mouth of the cave.

A few days later we eddied out to scout Hance, our first Class eight (Grand Canyon Scale). I decided to row it before I looked at it. I was sharing a boat with my friend Clancy, a newcomer to the Canyon but a competent kayaker and rower nonetheless. I had shared a boat with another friend and very competent rower last time, and had let her take on the hardest rapids, because I didn't feel ready. I still didn't feel that ready, but I would probably always feel that way until I just cowgirkled up and did it.

A few days later, we watched from shore as the first three boats of our group floated downstream towards Crystal Rapid. The 20-foot wide hole was only 30 feet from us, surging monstrously, and we did not doubt it would flip us even if we stuck one oar in by mistake. Lulu was confidently leading the flotilla. She floated closer, seemingly far too right to be taking the left line. Shouldn't she be pushing left furiously by now? Dear God! But, despite my worry, Lulu calmly gave three good pushes and shot through the first lateral, then slid between the left hole and the monster Crystal hole,

Opposite: Havasu Canyon.

Photo by Nat Goodby

and miraculously made it past the meat unscathed. She pulled easily away from the wall on river left below the rapid. The other two boats followed Lulu's line, but not with quite as much style.

Our friend Giles had just been telling us about the last time he went through Crystal on his last trip. Our friend Jenny was trying to do the right line, a very narrow, shallow 20 to 30-foot wide corridor of wavy water between the monster hole and the shoreline. She pulled right too fast, hit a rock and got bounced straight into the meat of the monster hole. The boat flipped and surfed; luckily everyone was okay. They struggled to get on top of the flipped boat as they floated through the next rapid, Son of Crystal.

We read in a book the night before how in 1966, a raging storm sent flash floods down many side canyons, including Crystal Creek. Debris and a large boulder cascaded out of the side canyon and landed in Crystal rapid, causing a hole to form that was the entire width of the river. The hole formed a standing wave that was 30 feet high. Over 100 people had to be helivaced out of the canyon due to injuries or death caused by the new Crystal. Luckily for us, another flood changed Crystal yet again, to the rapid that we were looking at before us now. The hole was only 30 feet wide; there was a way through. Yet I still knew that Crystal rapid had caused the most amount of death and destruction of any rapid in the Canyon.

Our turn. Nat and his friend Simon sat in the front, Clancy in the back. The Poopdeck, our boat, floated slowly downstream, the first of the last three boats. A little more left, a bit more right, and suddenly the time was Now to start pushing the oars and the boat to the left. Half standing and half crouching, I punched through the first lateral coming off the left wall. I spun the boat to T up to the waves we were riding up and over, heart pounding and eyes wide at the sight of the gargantuan Crystal keeper hole. We skirted the left side of it, and praise cowgirls we were finally past it. Now we just had to try to not run into the wall on river left. I tried to point the bow at the wall and started pulling away from it, but the water was too strong. I shipped an oar as the boat slammed us sideways into the

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Colorado River, Grand Canyon. | Photo: Evan Stafford

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wall. Luckily there was not enough force for the water to pin us or flip us; the Poopdeck bounced off and continued on.

I couldn't believe it was over. There had been so much anticipation, and here we were, still upright. I hadn't sent Nat overboard into the bowels of the hole, and we were getting fist pumps from the other three boats that were waiting in eddies below.

At camp, I walked through the rain up a still side canyon. Still, that is, except for the Canyon Wren flitting above me, warning the stillness of my presence. I scrambled up the rounded amphitheater of sandstone, carved by water over the millennia. The sharp, fresh scent of rain filled the air. I sat under an overhanging boulder and watched water drip rhythmically off the boulder and fall to the ground. It was forming a pattern of offset circles, each one smaller than the last. This small drip of water that would eventually make its way down the small canyon to join the Colorado River in the larger Canyon; this small drip of water that combined with billions of other drips of water carved out the canyon walls and moved boulders down canyons, that caused me to swim Lava Falls and Granite Rapid on my first trip, that pours over and through them, creating the rapids that caused me so much pause, that caused me to wait two and a half Canyon trips before cowgirling up to row the big stuff. The water that was falling around me now, that filled me with wonder. The force of the river had brought my friends and me together here for the adventure, caused people to stand up and say no to the dams, and that continues to flow onward to the sound of the Canyon Wren, serenading its progress.

The merging of the clear Havasu and muddy Colorado.

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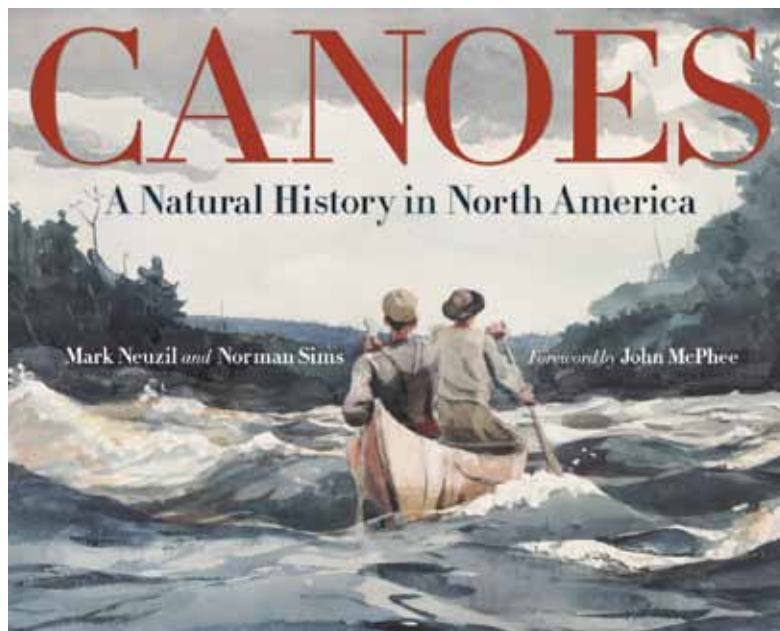
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REVIEW OF *CANOES: A NATURAL HISTORY IN NORTH AMERICA*

BY PATTI RUTKA



CANOES: *A NATURAL History in North America*, by Mark Neuzil and Norman Sims, with a forward by the legendary nonfiction writer John McPhee, is a delightful book that satisfies both intellectual curiosity and artistic appetite.

Tracing the history of the canoe in North America, the authors begin with the dugout. Subsequent sections move forward through time to examine ever-changing canoe design and usage, from birch bark canoes and their construction to the fur trade, to all wood canoes, then wood-and-canvas canoes, and finally, synthetic canoes. The book concludes with two chapters, the first on the human-powered movement, including a discussion about paddle shapes, environmentalism, and the Olympics; the second narrates its way through the magic and lure of canoe tripping. The volume incorporates sidebars, often with interviews of notable canoe builders or people influential in the canoe's development. The language throughout is

conversational, light-hearted at times, and makes for pleasant rather than dry reading. In other words it's accessible.

If all those enticements weren't enough to pull a reader along through the extensively researched history that the authors have clearly spent as much time laboring over as the refurbishing of a cedar strip canoe (the bibliography will reveal they've done their homework), the book is laden with beautiful paintings, drawings from antiquity, photographs, diagrams, war-time posters, and maps both old and new. Canoe restorers will salivate over the many styles of canoes designed, built, and produced in volume on this continent. The sidebars and insets are as illuminating and interesting from an historical standpoint as each major section.

Because this review is for a whitewater publication, I must mention the book's one omission that may distress some readers: while the synthetic canoe section touches briefly on ABS and the demise of Royalex

as it relates to whitewater canoes, there is no section covering the shapes or materials in modern whitewater canoes; the authors date themselves by stopping with their history around the late '80s.

In addition, I took mild umbrage at the authors' male bias, which leaks through the history they compile. So if you're a female whitewater paddler, brace yourself for a whiff of mansplaining. After a truly charming section on the historic phenomenon of canoedeling, a courting ritual from the turn of the 20th century in which the wooed woman would sit in the bow facing the man while he steered and played a Victrola, the authors move on to discuss canoe builders. Again dating themselves, they ask, "Is this a field where women can compete and thrive?" One answer the book gives is, "Some tasks might be challenging physically. I'm strong but I'm only 5'6"." If the authors had included a whitewater section for the book, their examination might have altered their take on canoe builders and they could



Top: Courting on Grand Canal in Belle Isle Park in the Detroit River, with Detroit, Michigan, on one side and Windsor, Ontario, on the other, c. 1900. Note the Victrola mounted in the canoe in the foreground.

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Bottom: Setting a frame for a bark canoe involved preparing the ground, driving in stakes, sliding in the bark, and attaching a frame in the general shape of the boat. This photography was taken c. 1895 at an Ojibwe camp.

Photo by T. W. Ingersoll, Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

have potentially avoided the quaintness of the question.

Minor objections aside, this is a fabulous book for anyone who's ever been in a canoe and has curiosity about the craft's noble history, or who's found granddad's old canoe in the rafters of the barn and would like to know what to do with it. Along with being highly readable and full of historic treasures, *Canoes* is equally a book to savor for its sumptuous artwork. It would look great on a coffee table, and would make a wonderful present for any paddler who has ever wondered how the fur trade was conducted, how canoes were used with sails at one point, or if their great grandparents became engaged in a canoe. All told, Neuzil and Sims have written an engaging and satisfying volume.

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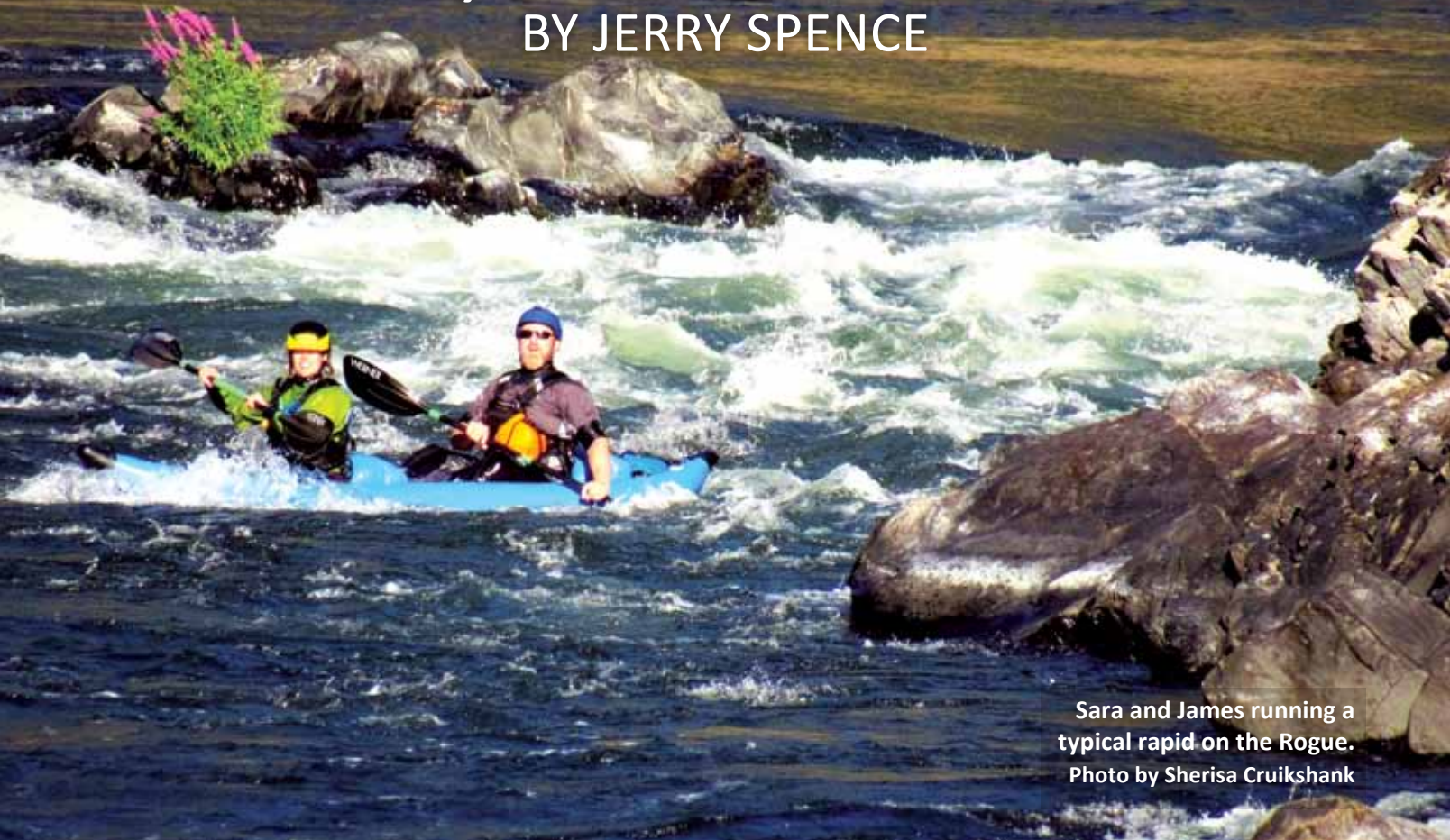
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THE WILD, MAGICAL ROGUE RIVER

BY JERRY SPENCE



Sara and James running a typical rapid on the Rogue.
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THE WILD AND Scenic River System includes numerous rivers that provide varied and unique paddling experiences for the whitewater paddler. Some rivers are day trips and some are extended multi-day trips lasting a week or more. The multi-day rivers in the system allow one to retreat into nature and live life by river time. In river time days are not labeled Monday, Tuesday, etc., but instead by day one, day two, and so forth. One of the absolute gems of the Wild and Scenic River System that allows one to slip into nature's time window and to live life by the flow of water is the Rogue River in southern Oregon.

The Rogue requires a lottery permit but it is one of the easier permits to obtain and cancellations are easy to come by. For example, in 2016 eight of us applied for permits and six of us were awarded a permit. We chose September 11th as our launch date. On September 2nd, Russ and I loaded up the Volkswagen Jetta rental with

camping gear and paddling gear; a shredder was fitted into the trunk.

We left Columbus, Ohio in early morning and started the long drive west. We were to meet the rest of our group who all lived in Bend Oregon. When driving out west it's hard to not think of rivers as you pass through the states of Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho. We did take a couple of days to stop in the river town of Stanley, Idaho and took one day to drive down to the Boundary Creek put-in on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The Middle Fork is such a compelling river and I try every year to secure a permit to run it. Even though we could not paddle its waters, just being on the banks of the river seem to satisfy some innate desire. We spent time talking to the rangers, then hung out around Dagger Falls looking for salmon and finally hiked up the river a ways just to experience the magic of the place. Time forced us to move on to Bend. Driving from Stanley to the Oregon border was slow going. We kept rubbernecking and stopping to look at the

South Fork of the Payette's rapids. Then there was the North Fork of the Payette. There are only two things that come to my mind when looking at the North Fork of the Payette: lots of gradient and lots of rocks.

We arrived in Bend and formed our paddling and hiking group destined for the Wild Scenic Section of the Rogue, then drove to Galice, OR. Having organized trips on the Grand Canyon, Middle Fork Salmon, Main Salmon and Selway, I can say the Rogue has to be one of the easiest trips to do logistically. Along the same road in about a 20-mile stretch you can rent a oar rig, arrange shuttle, check in at the BLM ranger station at Smullin, reach the Rogue River Trailhead, camp, launch, eat at restaurants, and purchase supplies. We all arrived at the put-in on September 10th and rigged up, then relaxed for the evening, or pre day one.

Day one and the weather was perfect, the sky was clear and blue. I drove Susan and Sherisa to the trailhead for the Rogue River

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Big smiles are a frequent sight on the faces of Wild and Scenic Rogue River paddlers.
Photo by Sherisa Cruikshank

Trail and then returned to take our cars to our shuttle drivers. We launched around 10:30 am and instantly began to feel the essence of the Rogue Wilderness. Time was now measured by how fast we moved down river—as it should be. We did have a schedule that was governed by time but we did not mind the sacrifice. We opted to stay in lodges on this trip, a very enjoyable way to do a river trip. Dinner at 6:30pm was our only constraint today. Well we also needed to be there to ferry Susan and Sherisa across the river so they could join us at the lodge because the trail is on river right and the lodge on river left.

It doesn't take long being on the Rogue before you realize that you are in a truly beautiful place that is well represented by the color green. The water is green, the mountains are green, and so are the conifers, and even the mosses on the rocks. It's mesmerizing how beautiful and clean it is. It's almost dream like, but then, all of a sudden, you hear a roar in the distance and you see boats grouped on river left and you discover you have reached Rainie Falls.

Rainie Falls is one of the signature rapids on the Rogue. It is rated Class IV+ and is every bit of that on the left chute, but fortunately there are options and most take the Class III line called the Fish Ladder. We got out to scout the drop to make sure we had our lines correct and as we were looking at the main drop of the falls we noticed these torpedo shapes launching out of the water trying to ascend the falls. Chinook Salmon were running and to witness this was quite a special privilege. One salmon after another would attempt to attain upstream. We stood there for 30 minutes gazing at the spectacle, all the time wondering what triggered the fish to quit and go look for the ladder. We all could have stayed there for hours watching the salmon but we had dinner to make and it was time for us to run the Fish Ladder and move further into the Rogue Wilderness. We paddled deeper and deeper into the greenness of the Rogue, where more rapids awaited us before we reached our lodge.

Our group consisted of James and Sara in a double ducky, Josh and Rob in the raft,

Russ and I in the shredder, and Susan and Sherisa hiking the trail. We reached one rapid that was called Wildcat that gave the option of a left channel or a right channel route. I had recognized where I was at and I knew we wanted to go right. The ducky also chose the right line but for some reason the raft went left. The shredder and the ducky waited at the bottom of the rapid so we could all regroup but there was no sign of the raft. Another trip passed through and told us they were stuck mid-channel and were ok but were going to be there a while. We got out and scrambled up to where we had a vantage point. I could see Josh and Rob doing a lot of jumping and pulling and knew they were lodged on rocks. It was about 5 pm at this point and the thought of missing dinner at the lodge was beginning to enter my mind, but I could tell they were

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Mule Creek Canyon from the Rogue Trail
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making progress even if it was just a matter of inches.

Eventually the raft was freed and we regrouped to begin moving downstream together again. The last rapid before the lodge was called Lower BlackBar and since we had only done the river once previously we were not really sure what it looked

liked. We must have run ten rapids we called Lower Blackbar before we finally ran Lower Blackbar rapid proper. The beach to the lodge came into view and we spent a quiet evening and night in luxury.

For day two we had 17 miles to float before our next overnight stop at Paradise Lodge. However, we already thought we were in

paradise and that impression would be confirmed throughout the day. Not only were there the rapids, but there were historical sites, like Zane Grey's cabin and the Rogue River Ranch, and the very mysterious feature known as Mule Creek Canyon. And to top it all off, the day would end with a technical rapid called Blossom Bar.

Our first stop was Zane Grey's cabin, which I would advise anyone paddling the Rogue to stop for. The accommodations that Mr. Grey had were sparse but the scenery and the beauty of the place more than made up for the lack of comfort. The beauty of the area makes you question how much you really do need to live a peaceful life. We had lunch and explored the site, then moved down river to Mule Creek Canyon. Mule Creek Canyon is really cool. The river constricts into a narrow canyon with sheer walls and percolates the water into a boiling flow of hydraulics, swirly water, and small whirlpools. Tucked at the end is a small grotto on river left with scenic double waterfalls. I would call this place nature's Disneyland. Once through Mule Creek Canyon things begin to calm down for a bit, but Blossom Bar Rapid is still ahead and worth a scout.





*Above: Josh celebrating Rob's hook up to a salmon.
Below: Susan hiking towards Zane Grey's cabin on the Rogue Trail.*
Photos by Sherisa Cruikshank

As we approached Blossom Bar we noticed a sizeable crowd of kayakers and rafters scouting the rapid on the cliffs on river right. The line here is fairly straightforward, except for rafts. The thing to avoid in Blossom Bar is a line of rocks called the Picket Fence, which creates a narrow slot that rafts must paddle through to avoid hanging up on the fence. Russ and I did not stop and scout in the shredder, however, running through without issue. James and Sara came next in the ducky and had no problem. Josh and Rob stared at the line

for a while and then finally committed. They, too, had a very clean run and we all paddled to the lodge at Paradise. Showers, relaxation, good food, and power lounging finished off the day.

Day three, our final day on the river. After another hearty breakfast prepared for us by lodge staff, and after relaxing for a while, we carried our gear down to the river and paddled out the remaining miles. The beauty of the Rouge continues all the way to the take-out at Foster Bar. The rapids

below Blossom Bar are mostly Class II, but our raft did manage to encounter a rock wall, causing us to spend a couple of hours patching a small tear.

The Rogue is a very enchanting river experience and has much to offer for everyone. There are not many rivers where you can stay in lodges or choose to camp at the many riverside campsites. The river difficulty accommodates varying degrees of paddling experience and various types of boats (duckies, rafts, sups, kayaks, canoes, catarafts, and shredders). The scenery is amazing and there is an abundance of wildlife. We saw bald eagles, deer and black bears on this trip and they did not seem to mind that we were there. The Rogue is a magical place, indeed.

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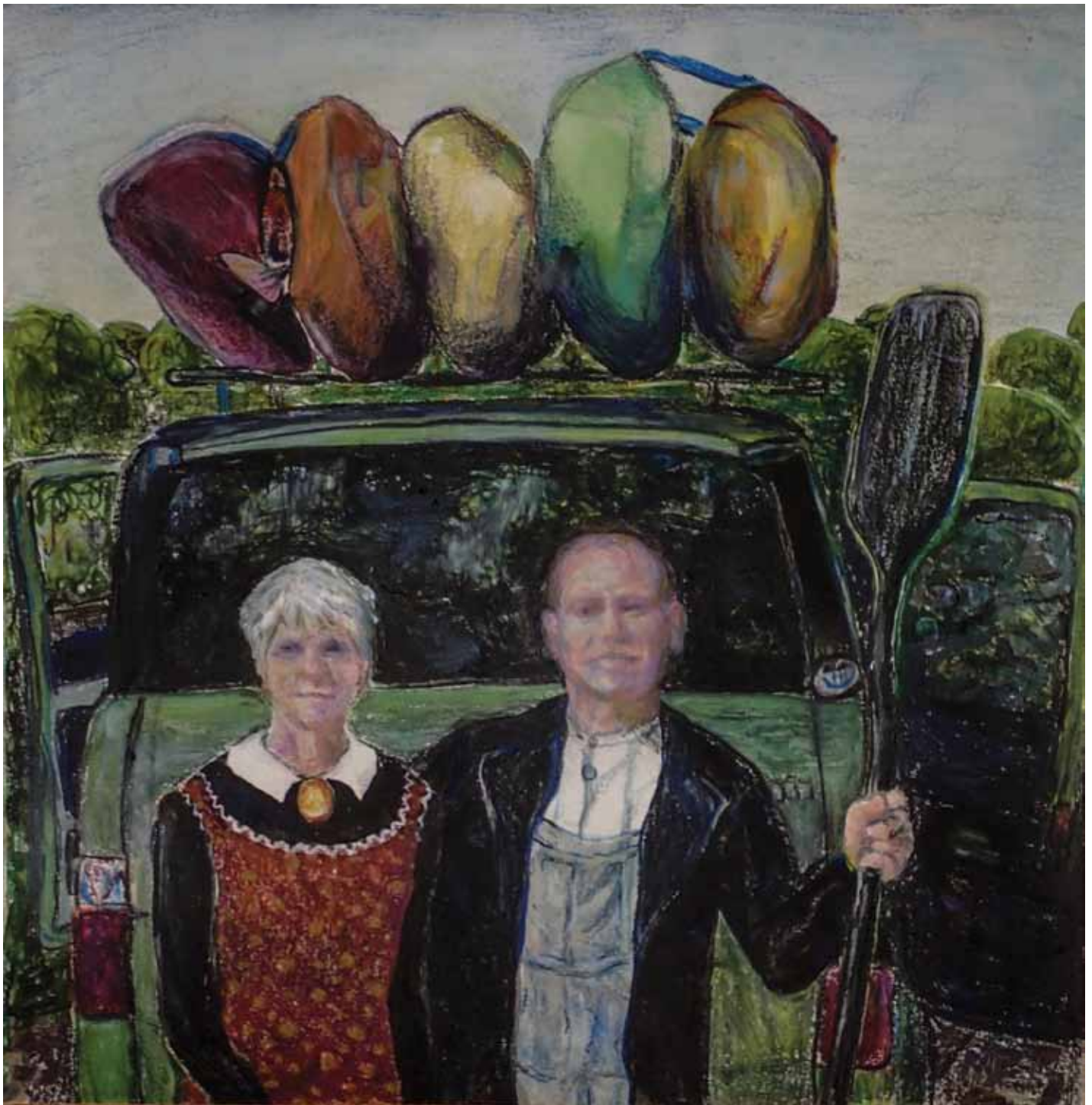


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The image, drawn/painted by my daughter Marcy Macklin Fleeharty, is her rendition of a fun moment at the take-out of the Casselman River at Fort Hill, PA. Carolyn DeVenney and I were standing at the back of my vehicle that was loaded down with boats. Marcy snapped a quick photo with her phone. From that photo, she created a kayaker's version of "American Gothic." Her creation was a Christmas gift to me, a fine memento of a father/daughter day on the water with good friends.

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- Combined Federal Campaign: Federal employees including federal civilians, military personnel and U.S. Postal Workers can donate to AW through the CFC a once a year charitable fund raising program. Look for AW (Agency #11351) in the official CFC listing of eligible donors.
- Charitable Remainder Trusts: Convert a highly appreciated asset (such as real estate or stocks) into a lifetime income while minimizing income and estate taxes.
- Employer Matching: Many employers will match your donations to non-profit organizations. This includes membership payments, as well as additional contributions. Check to see if your employer has a matching program.
- MissionFish: Sell your items through the MissionFish program on eBay and the proceeds come directly to AW.
- Other Assets: A gift of real estate to AW qualifies you for a tax deduction based on the property's fair market value. If it is not a river access point, AW will sell the property and use the proceeds to protect access and restore rivers. Acceptance of property is subject to certain conditions. You may also be eligible to receive tax benefits for gifts of real property. Art and jewelry are examples of personal property items that may be eligible. Interested donors should check with your financial and tax advisors and AW on the feasibility and tax considerations of such gifts.
- Securities: Donating appreciated stock to AW benefits both the donor and whitewater rivers. The donor receives two tax-related benefits. First, the gain on the stock is not subject to capital gains taxes. Second, the donor can deduct the value of the stock as a charitable contribution.
- United Way: All federal campaigns, and a few of the local campaigns will allow you to donate to AW. AW's UNITED WAY member # is 2302.
- Vehicle Donations: Turn that extra car, truck, or RV into a tax deductible donation benefiting AW.

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AFFILIATE CLUBS

AW'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE

BY CARLA MINER

American Whitewater has introduced a new Affiliate Club contributor level “Supporting Affiliate Club”. Affiliate Clubs can now join or renew their membership at the annual giving level of \$100 or at the newly created Supporting Affiliate Club level for an annual contribution of \$400.

Affiliate Clubs that choose AW’s \$100 annual level will be recognized in the AW Journal, on our website club page, and in our annually published Honor Roll. In order to be recognized at this level, a Club needs to maintain their annual \$100 contribution.

Affiliate Clubs that choose AW’s \$400 “Supporting Affiliate Club” annual level will be recognized in the AW Journal, on our website club page, and in our annually published Honor Roll as well as being listed as sponsors of two AW stewardship presentations each year. A “Supporting Affiliate Club” can revert to the \$100 Affiliate Club level at any time.

An Affiliate Club that is already being recognized as an AW Lifetime member will continue to be recognized in the annual Honor Roll as a Lifetime member. They will, however, need to contribute either at the \$100 or the \$400 level annually in order to be recognized as an Affiliate Club in the AW Journal and under the Affiliate Club heading of the published Honor Roll.

We are excited about this newly created Supporting Affiliate Club as a way of recognizing those Club’s that contribute at a higher level both through their monetary support as well as their considerable volunteer efforts in behalf of AW and our nation’s whitewater rivers.

Supporting Affiliate Clubs

California

Gold Country Paddlers, Lotus

Colorado

Dolores River Boating Advocates, Dolores

Kentucky

Bluegrass Wildwater Asso, Lexington

Ohio

Keelhaulers, Cleveland

Affiliate Club by State

Alaska

Fairbanks Paddlers, Fairbanks

Nova River Runners Inc., Chickaloon

Alabama

Coosa River Paddling Club, Wetumpka

Huntsville Canoe Club, Huntsville

Arizona

Outdoors Unlimited, Flagstaff

Southern Arizona Paddlers Club, Tucson

Thunderbird Outdoor Restoration

Organization, Glendale

Arkansas

Arkansas Canoe Club, Little Rock

California

Chico Paddleheads, Chico

Shasta Paddlers, Redding

Sierra Club Loma Prieta Paddlers, San Jose

Colorado

Blue River Watershed Group

Friends of the Yampa, Steamboat Springs

High Country River Rafters, Wheatridge

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center, Buena Vista

San Miguel Whitewater Asso, Telluride

Team Colorado Whitewater Racing Club,

Longmont

Upper Colorado Private Boaters Asso, Glenwood

Springs

Delaware

Wilmington Trail Club, Newark

Georgia

Atlanta Whitewater Club

Georgia Canoeing Asso, Atlanta

Idaho

Idaho Whitewater Association, Boise

Indiana

Hoosier Canoe Club, Brownsburg

Ohio Valley Paddlers, Evansville

Iowa

Iowa Whitewater Coalition, W. Des Moines

Kentucky

Elkhorn Paddlers, Lexington

Viking Canoe Club, Louisville

Maryland

Baltimore Canoe & Kayak Club, Baltimore

Blue Ridge Voyageurs, Silver Spring
Mason Dixon Canoe Cruisers, Hagerstown
Monocacy Canoe Club, Frederick

Massachusetts

AMC Boston Chapter, Boston

Minnesota

Rapids Riders, Eagan

Missouri

Missouri Whitewater Assn, St. Louis

Ozark Mountain Paddlers, Springfield

Ozark Wilderness Waterways, Kansas City

Montana

Beartooth Paddlers Society, Billings

Nevada

Sierra Nevada Whitewater Club, Reno

New Hampshire

AMC New Hampshire Paddlers, Raymond

Ledyard Canoe Club, Hanover

Merrimack Valley Paddlers, Merrimack

New Jersey

AMC Delaware Valley Chapter, Oaks

KCCNY, Flanders

New York

FLOW Paddlers’ Club, Rochester

Housatonic Area Canoe & Kayak Sq., Ossining
KCCNY, Flanders

Zoar Valley Paddling Club, Buffalo

North Carolina

Carolina Canoe Club, Raleigh

Landmark Learning, Cullowhee

Tuckasegee Paddlers, Cullowhee

Ohio

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, Columbus

Friends of the Crooked River, Akron

Outdoor Adventure Club, Dayton

Oregon

Eugene Kayaker, Eugene

Lower Columbia Canoe Club, Portland

Next Adventure, Portland

Northwest Rafters Association, Roseburg

Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club, Portland

Oregon Whitewater Association, Portland

Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club, Corvallis

Pennsylvania

AMC Delaware Valley Chapter, Oak

Benscreek Canoe Club, Johnstown

Bradford County Canoe and Kayak Club, Sayre

Canoe Club of Centre County, Lemont

Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg, Harrisburg

Conewago Canoe Club, York

Holtwood Hooligans, Paradise

Lehigh Valley Canoe Club, Lehigh Valley

Mach One Slalom Team, State College

Philadelphia Canoe Club, Philadelphia

Three Rivers Paddling Club, Pittsburgh

Wilderness Voyageurs Outfitters, Ohiopyle

South Carolina

Foothills Paddling Club, Greenville

Tennessee

Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts, Limestone
Chota Canoe Club, Knoxville
Clean Water Expected in East TN, Sevierville
East Tennessee Whitewater Club, Oak Ridge
Eastman Recreation Club, Kingsport
Ocoee River Council, Knoxville
Tennessee Valley Canoe Club, Chattanooga

Texas

Houston Canoe Club, Houston
Team River Runner, San Antonio

Utah

High Jim and the A.S.K., Salt Lake City

Vermont

Vermont Paddlers Club, Montpelier

Virginia

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Float Fishermen of Virginia, Roanoke

Washington

BEWET- Boeing Employees Whitewater &
Touring Club, Bellevue
EPIC Adventures, Cheney
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Washington Kayak Club, Seattle
Washington Recreational River Runners, Renton

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Ontario

Guelph Kayak Club, Elora
Kawartha Whitewater Paddlers, The Kawarthas

DISCOUNTED AW MEMBERSHIP FOR AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERS

By Carla Miner, Membership Manager

AW offers a discounted Affiliate Club membership of \$25, a \$10 savings. If you are renewing your AW membership or joining as a new member, select the Affiliate Club Discounted Personal Membership online at <http://americanwhitewater.org/content/Membership/join-AW/> Or, if you are renewing or joining by mail or telephone just mention the name of the Affiliate Club you belong to and you can take advantage of the \$25 membership.

A list of AW Affiliate Clubs can be found on our website at <http://americanwhitewater.org/content/Membership/join-AW/>. If you do not see your Club listed here please encourage them to renew their Club membership or to join AW as a new Affiliate Club. Your Club's membership and your personal membership enable our staff to be active and engaged in the process of river stewardship. When you join or renew your membership your support is helping to meet the many challenges whitewater rivers face.

If you have any questions about the Affiliate Club membership, please contact me. I can be reached at 866_BOAT-4AW or membership@americanwhitewater.org.

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5. Receive the American Whitewater Journal, the oldest continually published whitewater magazine.
6. Your club is recognized in the list of Affiliate Clubs posted to the AW website.
7. Recognize your club in the list of Affiliate Clubs noted in each bi-monthly AW Journal.
8. Post Club information on the AW Website to help paddlers find you.
9. Gain Club satisfaction from lending support to AW's stewardship efforts.
10. Improve your club members river karma.

For more information, contact Carla Miner at membership@americanwhitewater.org or sign-up on line at www.americanwhitewater.org/membership.

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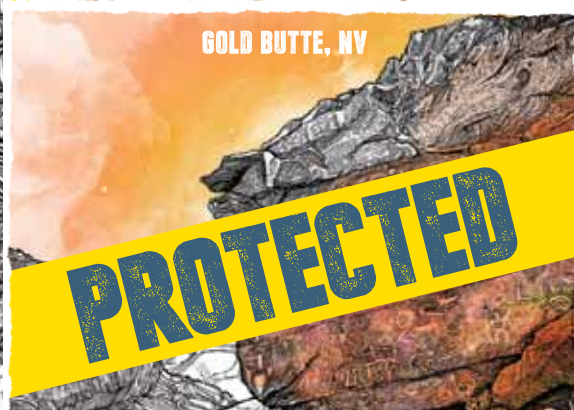
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