

**WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS****NECH 610.35****Evaluation Procedure Guide Sheet**

Check all that apply to this Guide Sheet review: ☐ Alternative 1 ☐ Alternative 2 ☐ Other

Client/Plan Information:

**STEP 1.**

Could the action(s) have an effect on the natural, cultural or recreational values of any nearby rivers?

- ☐ No **If "No," document on the NRCS-CPA-52, or notes section below, the finding, rationale, and information sources used and proceed with planning.**
- ☐ Yes **If "Yes," analyze the potential effects and develop alternatives, as necessary, that would mitigate potential adverse effects, then go to Step 2.**

**STEP 2.**

Is there a Federal or State designated Wild, Scenic, or Recreational River segment or a river listed in the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) in or near the planning area?

- ☐ No **If "No," document on the NRCS-CPA-52, or notes section below, the finding, rationale, and information sources used and proceed with planning.**
- ☐ Yes **If "Yes," and there is still potential for effect consult your State environmental liaison to assist with determining the nature and significance of the effect. Go to Step 3.**  
**NOTE:** The State Office may request the administering federal or state agency (National Park Service in the case of NRI) to assist you in developing appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures.

**STEP 3.**

Could the proposed action or alternative have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural or recreational values of the wild, scenic, or recreational river segment that cannot be avoided or minimized?

- ☐ No **If "No," document on the NRCS-CPA-52, or notes section below, the finding, rationale, and information sources used and proceed with planning.**
- ☐ Yes **If "Yes," go to Step 4.**

**STEP 4.**

Is NRCS providing financial assistance or otherwise controlling the action(s)?

- ☐ No **If "No," inform the client that a permit may be required for their activities and they should consult with the administering federal or state agency. The permit authorization should be reflected in the final plan and documentation. Continue planning, but a permit is required prior to implementation.**
- ☐ Yes **If "Yes," consult with the administering federal or state agency to determine whether the proposed action could foreclose options to classify any portion of the river segment as wild, scenic or recreational and to develop avoidance or mitigation measures. Document on the NRCS-CPA-52, or notes section below, the finding, rationale, and information sources used and proceed with planning.**

**Notes:**