

Instream Flow Water Rights for BLM in Alaska

BLM has filed State of Alaska instream flow water right applications on five Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSRs); Beaver Creek, Birch Creek, the Gulkana River, the Unalakleet River, the Fortymile River and 7 major tributaries within the Fortymile WSR corridor. Field documentation for similar filings on the Delta/Tangle River and Gulkana River system are underway. An instream flow Certificate of Reservation was obtained from the State of Alaska for Beaver Creek on May 26, 1989. Since then, no other federal instream flow Reservations have been obtained from the State of Alaska.

Field documentation of stream flow is also being collected on selected rivers with high resource values in preparation for filing instream flow reservations with the State of Alaska. The table below is a summary of the status of BLM's current instream flow program in Alaska.

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Instream Water Rights for Wild and Scenic and other BLM Managed Rivers
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River/Reach	Data Collected (> 5 years)	Data Computed and Corrected	Application/Report Completed	State Application Date	Water Right Obtained (date)
Tangle River/Lakes/Delta R. abv the falls	X	X	Estimate the completion in Jan 2008 (Sondergaard)		
Delta R. below falls (non-glacial segment)	X	Estimate completion in Jan 2008 (Sondergaard)	Estimate the completion in Jan 2008 (Sondergaard)		
Gulkana (3 reaches)	X	X	X (needs to be updated)	7/10/1996	
Beaver (3 reaches)	X	X	X (updated 2006)	5/10/1988	5/26/1989
Birch (6 reaches)	X	X	X (updated 2007)	1/11/2001	
Fortymile	X	X	X	8/3/2006	
NF Fortymile	X	X	X	5/14/2007	
SF Fortymile	X	X	X	8/18/2008 (Kennedy)	
Walker Fork	X	X	X	8/25/2008 (Kennedy)	
WF Dennison Fork	X	X	X	12/17/2010 (Kennedy)	
Logging Cabin Creek	X	X	X	12/16/2010 (Kennedy)	
O'Brien Creek	X	X	X	01/18/2011 (Kennedy)	
Mosquito Fork	X	X	X	9/25/2012 (Kennedy)	
Nome Creek	X	X	Kennedy (in-progress)		

Jim River	X	X	X	8/27/2007	
Kanuti	X	X	X	9/25/2008	
So. Fk. Koyukuk	X	Kennedy (in-progress)			
Prospect Creek	Start FY13				
Unalakleet	X	X	X (needs update-AFO?)	3/19/2001	
Anvik	X	X	X	9/14/2007	
Caribou Creek					
Clear Creek	X	X	Estimate (Kretsinger)	2009?	
Tozitna	X	X	In Progress (Kretsinger)	2012	

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