



### *Training Future River Professionals 2014-2015 Webinars*

**This series of webinars is being offered by the River Management Society for members, colleagues and friends interested in workshops and training sessions offered at past training events. They are free of charge and**

**Webinars will follow a familiar timing and format:**

<i>Day of week</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
<i>Time of day</i>	<i>1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time</i>
<i>Duration</i>	<i>One hour, except as noted</i>

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### **Wild and Scenic River Study Process – How to complete a WSR Study (60 minutes plus time for questions and answers)**

This course presents an introduction to complete a the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) Study Process for eligible or suitable river segments. The content of this course is derived from *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Wild and Scenic River Study Process*, a technical report of the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Council (Council) ([www.rivers.gov/publications.html](http://www.rivers.gov/publications.html)).

Participation will result in improvements in future applications of the Wild and Scenic River Study process, for both eligible and suitable river segments, based on increased knowledge of its intent, content and procedures.

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply the correct study methodology for a Wild and Scenic River study.
- Develop an integrated approach with appropriate interdisciplinary team members for the study process.
- Conduct the study, including public involvement.
- Share information with landowners, local and state governments, and nongovernmental organizations.

Participants will increase their knowledge in:

- The Wild and Scenic River study process requirements of the WSRA.
- The sources of information for rivers to consider in the study process.
- The differences between eligible and suitable river segments.
- The role of ORV's in the study process.
- The differences in WSR classification and how to apply them to study segments.

- The requirements for interim management direction for eligible and suitable river segments.

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**Jim** has over twenty years' experience working nationally on river management, restoration and policy. Jim currently administers the Lamprey River in New Hampshire, and provides technical assistance to other "Partnership" Wild & Scenic Rivers in the Northeast. Before joining the National Park Service, Jim worked for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services where he administered the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program and led development of the state's instream flow policy. He earned his M.S. in Resource Management from Antioch University, with concentration in water resources and geomorphology. In addition to his job with the National Park Service, Jim also works part-time for Trout Unlimited on coldwater fish habitat and river restoration. He is an avid fly fisherman and whitewater boater.

**Cassie's** background is in Biology, Oceanography, and Environmental Law. She has 22+ years experience with the National Park Service and currently serves as the Wild and Scenic River specialist in NPS's national planning program, and as the Hydro Program coordinator for the Alaska Region. Cassie is a founding member of the Interagency Wild and Scenic River Coordinating Council. In her spare time, Cassie enjoys hiking and skiing with her husband, dogs and friends, backpacking, and floating Alaska's wild rivers."