

# LEAVE WILD RIVERS AS YOUR LEGACY



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## In each western state there are healthy rivers

that need our protection, streams with intact ecosystems that have survived two centuries of settlement and exploitation. These rivers are havens of nature, connecting the islands of protected habitat in the West, from mountain glaciers to ocean estuaries.

Since 1988, Western Rivers Conservancy has built a record of successful land purchases, placing hundreds of river miles in permanent protection. We are the only organization dedicated solely to the protection of riverlands. Working with few staff and minimal overhead, we have established major refuges on such rivers as the Skagit, Hoh and Stillaguamish Rivers in Washington,

the Chetco, Sandy and Snake Rivers in Oregon, the Sun, Clark Fork and Madison Rivers in Montana and the Smith in California.

When Western Rivers Conservancy acquires a stretch of riverlands and conveys it to a nonprofit group or agency for conservation management, we create a community treasure.

By leaving a legacy gift to Western Rivers Conservancy, you will play a direct role in ensuring that our work to protect the most outstanding rivers of the West continues well beyond our lifetimes. We dedicate legacy gifts to our River Protection Fund, a revolving fund, where they will be used time and again for decades to come, for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people.



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*To conserve a river, you have to think in terms of forever.*

WHEN YOU MAKE A LEGACY GIFT TO WESTERN RIVERS CONSERVANCY, YOU PROVIDE A LASTING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF THE WEST'S GREAT RIVERS.

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF OUTSTANDING RIVERS



*"Rivers are exquisite in their abilities to nurture life, sublime in functioning detail, impressive in contributions of global significance." — Tim Palmer*

### ■ Include Western Rivers Conservancy in Your Will

You may allocate a specific amount or percentage of your estate or other assets to WRC. You may state that after other beneficiaries have been provided for, the remaining funds shall go to WRC.

WRC's federal tax ID number is: 93-1326405

### ■ Retirement Plan Designation

Choose Western Rivers Conservancy as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. The gift is exempt from federal estate tax and is a way to maximize the benefit of your gift and minimize taxes.

### ■ Create a Charitable Remainder Trust

A Charitable Remainder Trust is a tax-exempt trust that pays income to your designee. When the trust terminates, the remaining assets would be paid to Western Rivers Conservancy.

### ■ Create a Charitable Lead Trust

A Charitable Lead Trust is a "tax-smart" way to pass assets along to your heirs. Fund a trust that pays income to Western Rivers Conservancy for a period of time (such as your lifetime or a number of years). Then, at the end of the term, the remainder is returned to either you or your heirs.

### ■ Name WRC as a Beneficiary of Your Life Insurance Policy

There are many ways that you can use your life insurance policy to benefit both you, by maximizing your federal income tax deduction, and Western Rivers Conservancy. You can simply bequeath a specific amount or percentage of your life insurance policy to WRC.

## REPLY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please contact me to discuss how I may make a legacy gift to Western Rivers Conservancy.
- I have remembered WRC in my will, trust or retirement plan.
- WRC may recognize me as a donor in its Web site and print acknowledgments lists.

(optional) I estimate the future value of my Legacy Gift to be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact  
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The information stated here is not intended as financial advice. Please consult your financial advisor or attorney before making a legacy gift to Western Rivers Conservancy.



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