St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



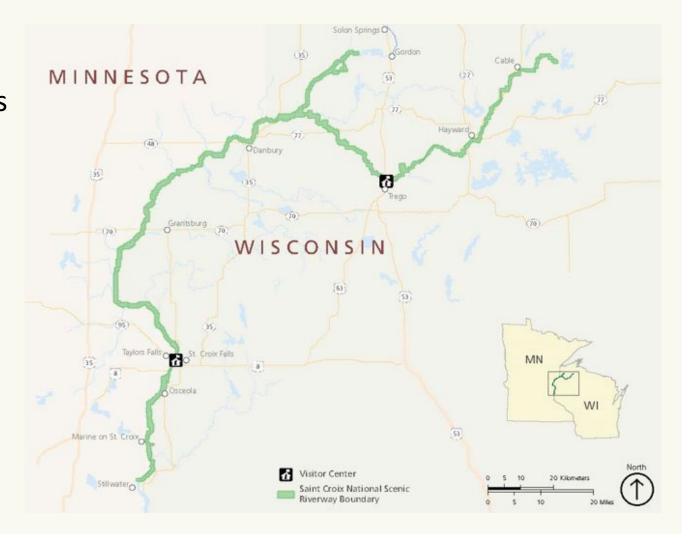
Comprehensive River Management Plan

Listening Sessions
July 2023



What is the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway?

- Established in 1968 as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (WSR) and part of the National Park System (NPS).
- One of the original 8 WSRs "First Wild and Scenic River National Park"
- Today, 255 miles of the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers are protected under the WSRA, and 230 are managed by the NPS.





What is the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway?

- Narrow ribbon of protection for 230 river miles of the St. Croix and Namekagon.
- Over 25,000 acres in fee-title ownership and 877 scenic easements.
- Two seasonal visitor centers in St. Croix Falls, WI and Trego, WI.
- NPS owns 50 of the approximately 70 landings along the Riverway. Free-of-charge and no reservations necessary.
- NPS provides approximately 150 primitive shoreline campsites. Free-of-charge and no reservations necessary.
- ~40 commercial use authorization holders.







Why was the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway created?

- Protect and enhance the river's free-flowing condition, exceptional water quality, and the "outstandingly remarkable values"
 - Aquatic
 - Cultural/historic
 - Geologic
 - Recreational
 - Riparian
 - Scenic/aesthetic



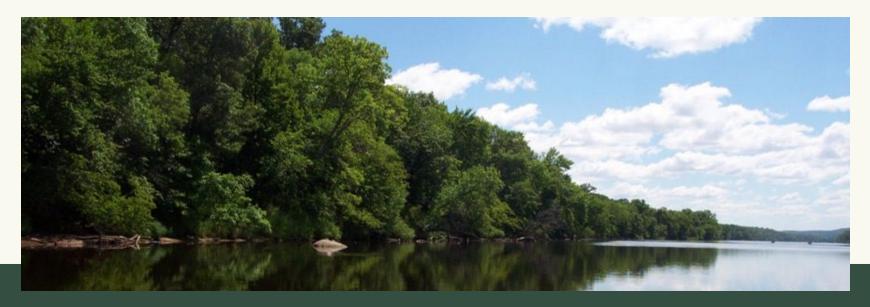






What is a comprehensive river management plan? Why do one?

- A process and plan to guide NPS actions and decisions that will impact the Riverway for the foreseeable future.
- The plan will include a strategy to address key issues while protecting and enhancing river values.
- Address requirements as Wild and Scenic River
- To hear from you!





What challenges are facing the Riverway? What will be in our plan?

- Protecting and enhancing the "river values" while providing for visitor use/experience in a changing watershed
- Natural and cultural resource protection
 - Water quality, invasive species, land management, etc.
 - NPS infrastructure and facilities
 - Landings, campsites and camping, trails, historic cabins, signage, visitor centers
- Visitor use/experience and recreation
 - Crowding, user conflicts, visitor behavior
 - Boating, fishing, hunting
- Commercial service guidance on new and emerging visitor uses



Project timeline and what's next?



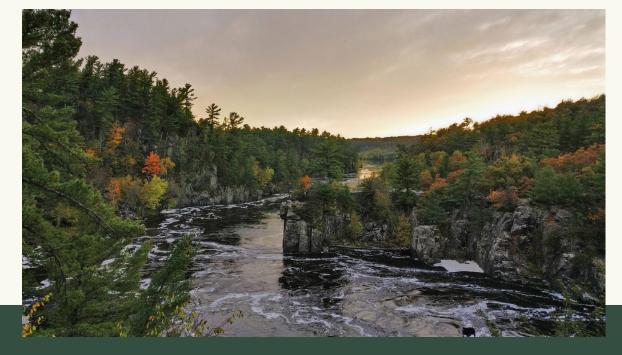


We want to hear from you!

- Use the comment sheet in the room today
- Comment online at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/sacnriverplan
- Send comments via US Mail

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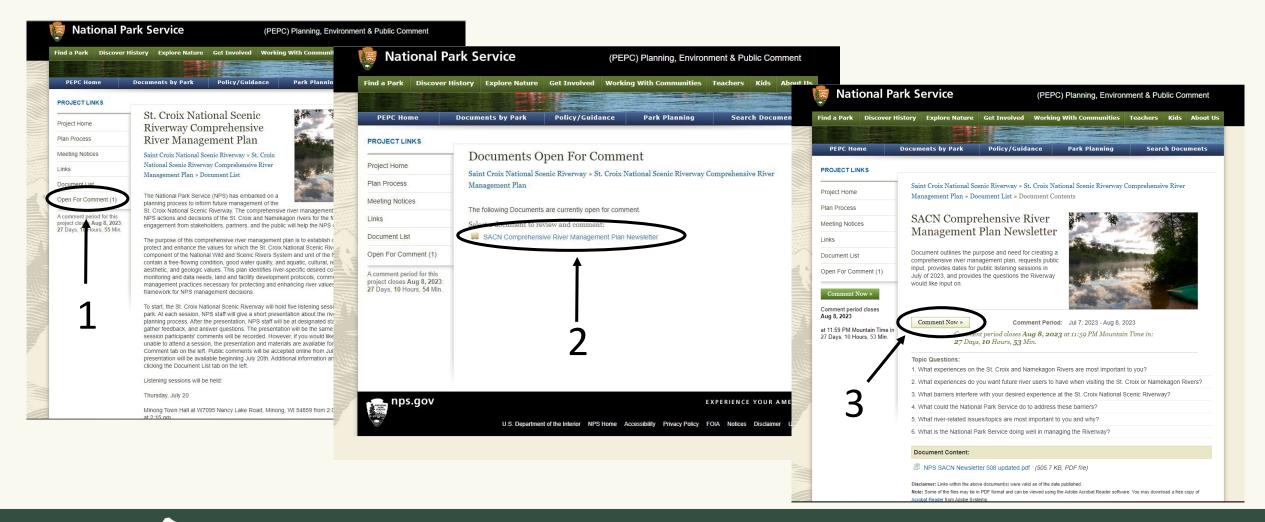
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 401 N. Hamilton Street





How to Comment Online

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Listening Session

Questions and Discussion



Listening Session and Comment Options

- Break from large group
- Answer questions on a comment sheet and return today in-person
- Go to a station to ask questions or have a conversation
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Questions

- 1. What experiences on the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers are most important to you?
- 2. What experiences do you want future river users to have when visiting the St. Croix or Namekagon Rivers?
- 3. What barriers interfere with your desired experience at the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway?
- 4. What could the National Park Service do to address these barriers?
- 5. What river-related issues/topics are most important to you and why?
- 6. What is the National Park Service doing well in managing the Riverway?



Thank you



Please contact Craig Hansen or Lisa Yager with questions.

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