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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway News Release

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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Seeks Public Input on River Management Plan

St. Croix Falls, Wis. The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public feedback on the creation of a comprehensive river management plan for St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.

The NPS will host four public meetings in November to gather input on the river management plan. These meetings are an important opportunity for the public to provide feedback on management strategies that will guide the future of the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers.

“This river management plan will shape future NPS decisions regarding resource management, visitor experiences, and preservation efforts,” said St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Superintendent Craig Hansen. “Stakeholder, Tribal, partner, and public engagement is essential to the success of the plan and future management of the Riverway.”

The purpose of this comprehensive river management plan is to establish overall management direction to protect and enhance the values for which the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and one of America’s 430+ parks in the National Park Service. The plan will then provide a framework for NPS management decisions.

To continue this multi-year planning process, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway staff will host public meetings in various locations. At each meeting, NPS staff will present an overview of the river management plan and the planning process. After the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to engage in discussion, ask questions, and provide feedback. The presentation will be the same at each session.

Public meetings will be held:

- **Wednesday, November 20**
 - **Spooner DNR Office** at 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
 - **Holiday Inn Express, Hayward** at 15586 County Rd B, Hayward, WI 54843, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- **Thursday, November 21**
 - **Stillwater Public Library** at 224 Third Street N, Stillwater, MN 55082, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
 - **St. Croix Falls Visitor Center** at 401 N Hamilton St, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Comments can be submitted online from November 8 through December 31, 2024. The NPS encourages input at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/sacnriverplan> or by sending written comments to St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (Attn: Superintendent), 401 N. Hamilton Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024.

Updates can be found at the "Comprehensive River Management Plan" link at <https://www.nps.gov/sacn> or by calling the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Headquarters at 715-483-2274.

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The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, a unit of the National Park System, was established by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968. It is one of a group of eight rivers in the country which first received this recognition. For 255 miles, the St. Croix and its tributary, the Namekagon, flow through some of the most scenic and least developed country in the Upper Midwest.