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Salmon River, Idaho: *Conserved Important Habitat for Bighorn Sheep, Mule Deer and Mountain Quail*

Western Rivers Conservancy has purchased 1,284 acres of land on the Salmon River adjacent to the BLM's Pine Bar Recreation Site, west of Grangeville, Idaho. The river here provides excellent habitat for some of the Columbia Basin's most crucial federally-listed salmonids: sockeye, spring/summer Chinook, fall Chinook, steelhead and bull trout. Completion of this project will bring into public ownership an inholding in one of the West's most dramatic settings, so that the land can forever be managed for fish and wildlife, conservation-sensitive public recreation, and recovery of imperiled salmonid species.

Dave Jensen Photo



Gunnison River, Colorado: *400 acres added to a National Conservation Area*

One of the great tributaries to the Colorado River is the Gunnison, which is the second largest river in the state. Below dams on its upper reaches, the Gunnison carves the spectacular Black Canyon and then flows north toward its confluence with the Colorado River. Along its lower reaches, the Gunnison sweeps past rocky bluffs, desert slopes and riparian thickets of cottonwood. This is one of few places where the four species of Colorado basin warm-water fish still survive: Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, bonytail chub and razorback sucker. Here, Western Rivers Conservancy has conserved critical habitat. Recently WRC conveyed 403 acres of spectacular canyon country along several miles of the lower Gunnison to the BLM's Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area.

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